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## OUR TWENTY-SECOND VOLUME.

**B**YOND an expression of pleasure that we are about to start another half-yearly volume of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, we have little to say. Freemasonry in England is continuing its career of prosperity, and would appear even to be making greater strides than ever in public favour. Its Charities have been nobly supported so far, and as there yet remain opportunities of increasing the already large amount of contributions for the current year, we shall be surprised if the totals we have to announce six months hence will not far exceed those at present estimated. The result of the Festivals of the year are in themselves evidence of the continued prosperity of the Craft, while as regards its activity we have only to refer to the heavy calls made on our time and space during this, the generally recognised holiday season. From our experience meetings appear to be almost as numerous now as during the height of the hitherto accepted Masonic season. In introducing our Twenty-second Volume we can but add we start with the determination of sparing no pains to make it interesting to the Craft, while we think it is hardly necessary to say we shall continue on the same lines as have hitherto guided us in our endeavours to make the paper a representative journal of the Masonic Brotherhood of England.

## SKILL AND ASSIDUITY IN A W.M.

**I**N the remarks, in our issue of the 11th October 1884, under this head, we spoke more particularly of the skill necessary in a Worshipful Master to ensure the success of the Lodge over which he had to preside. A mere knowledge of the words of the ritual, we then pointed out, was not all that was needed to entitle a brother to the highest rank among his fellows, but rather an ability satisfactorily to preside over the meetings of his Lodge, whether engaged in labour or at refreshment. It may truly be said that the Worshipful Master for the time being is the corner-stone on which the whole fabric of his Lodge rests—that on his skill and ability depends, not only the welfare of the Lodge, but the comfort and happiness of its members. How necessary then is it that every candidate selected for the Master's chair should be able to carry out the duties required of him in a satisfactory manner. In our closing remarks on this subject, in the issue to which we have already referred, we promised to devote some attention to the relationship of the Worshipful Master of a Lodge to his Past Masters, and it is our intention on the present occasion to redeem that promise. We have already said that a Worshipful Master should be ruler in his own Lodge, not governing, however, with a rod of iron, but rather by kindness, and it is with the Past Masters of his Lodge that he may find the greatest difficulty, or, if properly managed, from whom he may obtain the greatest assistance. Englishmen are seldom slow to show respect for the experience gained by their seniors, and few Englishmen more fully recognise this principle than Freemasons. Yet cases will arise in which a newly-appointed brother may consider his own ability equal, if not superior, to that of the brethren of his Lodge who have had the advantage of actual experience in the work which he is

fresh to, and some will even go so far as to urge their opinion against that of the old and tried members of the Lodge. We are not wholly opposed to this course, because unless a little spirit is shown by each succeeding Master, a Lodge may run the risk of dying from inanition, but great skill is necessary to decide how far the spirit of rebellion may safely be carried. The Past Masters of a Lodge have no doubt a claim to be considered, and their opinion should be respected, but only so far as a Master may feel he can coincide in their views, or at least only so far as their views may not be in exact opposition to his own, is it safe for him to go without some independent advice. He is the Master of the Lodge, he is responsible for its welfare, and he alone will be to blame if any experiment results unfavourably. It will be no use for him to plead he acted on the advice of the Past Masters; he was placed in his position to manage the Lodge; he accepted the office well knowing the responsibilities attached to it, and must be as equally prepared to meet any complaints as he is to listen to eulogistic compliments. True, the Past Masters will not desert him in an emergency, but between the lay members of his Lodge and those who have passed the chair, there is often a great gulf, and when such does exist it is the Worshipful Master who is looked upon as the bridge which shall unite the two sections; therefore it is well to remember that on any question on which there is likely to be a difference of opinion independent action is necessary more than at any other time, but this independent action must not usually be carried to extremes; a conciliatory course is possible, and in the arrangement of this the Worshipful Master will have ample opportunity for displaying that skill so essential in a ruler of the Craft.

## ART, HISTORY, AND THE CRAFT.

**I**T almost goes without saying that anything relating to operative Masonry has or should have an interest for speculative Freemasons. Both arts are inseparably interwoven in history, and not less closely combined in our ritual. We make no apology, therefore, for calling the attention of our readers to the proposal for restoring Queen Eleanor's Cross at Waltham, Herts. The story of the origin of crosses identified with the name of the Consort of King Edward I. is well known. As an example of wifely devotion it deserves to be held in remembrance, and as an heroic act it ranks among the bravest. The King had received a thrust from a poisoned dagger, and his Queen sucked the poison from the wound, and thus saved his life. She further added to her claim to be considered a noble woman and a benefactor of the kingdom by "reconciling the malcontent Welshmen, and in securing their fealty to her infant son, thus becoming the originator of the title of the 'Prince of Wales.'" Originally there were twelve crosses which were erected to the memory of Queen Eleanor, but only three now remain. One of the most beautiful is that at Waltham, which bears date 1291 or 1292. The queen was the daughter of Ferdinand III., King of Castile and Leon, whose arms are cut at the lower part of the Cross—as are those of the Countess of Ponthieu, her mother—with those of England. The three beautiful statues of this queen, standing under the canopies of this monument, are stated

to be the work of William de Ireland. To preserve the Waltham Cross, and to improve its position by opening up a new roadway, the sum of £3,000 will be required. Towards this sum an appeal is made to the Masonic Lodges to contribute. Most of the Lodges hitherto appealed to have responded favourably, and it is hoped that the rest will follow their example. We are reminded, in a circular issued by Bro. J. Tydeman P.M. 1327 and 1427, one of the hon. secretaries, of the connection between Queen Eleanor's Cross and our Masonic Order. It is not only a most artistic and beautiful monument, but it perpetuates the memory of a good woman, the ancestor of our Grand Master and the founder of his title. We earnestly hope that Bro. Tydeman will meet with the success the movement deserves. Contributions can be forwarded to the Secretaries of the Eleanor Cross Preservation Fund, Waltham Cross, Herts, of whom also can be obtained further information.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

THE annual meeting of the brethren of Surrey was held on Saturday, 27th ult., at St. Mark's School, St. Andrew's Road, Surbiton, under the banner of the St. Margaret's Lodge, No. 1872. Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., the Right Wor. Grand Master presided in person, and was supported by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, J. M. Case P.G.D., and by the following Officers of the Province of Surrey:—Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C. England Deputy Grand Master, H. C. Leigh-Bennett S.W., George Price Treasurer, C. Greenwood P.G.S.B. Secretary, A. Laurence S.D., W. Gibbes J.D., F. Flood Supt. Works, Alfred Nuthall Sword Bearer, S. P. Catterson Standard Bearer, F. Cambridge Organist, H. J. Strong, M.D., P.P.G.W., G. B. Brodie P.P.S.G.W., G. Dundas P.P.J.G.W., H. J. P. Damas P.G.D. P.P.J.G.W., H. E. Frances P.P.S.G.D., J. B. Boucher P.P.G.D., C. Belton P.P.G.D., J. Hamer Owens P.P.G.D., A. B. Taylor P.P.G. Supt. of Works, J. Squire P.P.G.S.B., J. Rhodes P.P.G.O., A. Saxelby P.P.G.S., C. Ledger P.P.G.S., G. Porter P.P.G.S., &c.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the roll of Lodges was called over, and most of those in the district were found to be represented. The minutes of the last regular meeting, and of the Special Provincial Grand Lodge held at Redhill last summer, on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Schools, were confirmed. The Provincial Grand Master expressed the pleasure he experienced on the latter occasion in seeing so many Masons of his Province present to support him in welcoming the Grand Master. The Report of the Finance and Audit Committee was submitted and adopted. It showed that the funds of the Province were in a satisfactory condition, and recommended that sums should be voted to each of the Masonic Institutions, and also to the fund for the restoration of the local church. Sums of fifteen guineas were voted to each of the former, and one of ten guineas to the latter. Brother George Price was unanimously re-elected as Provincial Grand Treasurer, and then the other Provincial Grand Officers were appointed. In announcing that the Rev. Bro. Arnold had again undertaken the duties of Deputy, the Provincial Grand Master said he regretted the present would be the last occasion he should have the pleasure of appointing Bro. Arnold to the office, as that brother had intimated his desire to retire; indeed, he was about to leave England, so that it would not be possible to re-appoint him after the present year. General Brownrigg felt he should hardly be able to manage without Bro. Arnold, who for many years had taken a most prominent part in the Masonic affairs of the Province. He had been more than a right hand man to him, and whoever might be called upon to continue the work hitherto performed by Bro. Arnold, would find he had a very difficult example to follow. Bro. Arnold, in acknowledging the compliment paid him, expressed the pleasure he always felt in advancing the interests of Freemasonry, and also thanked the Masons of Surrey for the great kindness he had always received from them. His connection with the district would at all times be among his most pleasant memories of the past, and he hoped that the brethren of Surrey would long retain in their midst a memory of his connection with them. The other Provincial offices were filled as follows:—

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| Bro. the Earl of Onslow ...    | ... | Prov. G. Senior Warden         |
| — Locke ...                    | ... | Prov. G. Junior Warden         |
| Rev. Geoffrey Hughes           | ... | } Prov. G. Chaplains           |
| Rev. Herbert Turner...         | ... |                                |
| S. W. Lambert ...              | ... | Prov. G. Registrar             |
| C. Greenwood P.G.S.B. England  | ... | Prov. G. Secretary             |
| R. S. Hart ...                 | ... | Prov. G. Senior Deacon         |
| T. Wakley ...                  | ... | Prov. G. Junior Deacon         |
| J. G. Collier ...              | ... | Prov. G. Supt. Works           |
| John Hooke ...                 | ... | Prov. G. Director of Cer.      |
| — Clayton ...                  | ... | Prov. G. Assistant D.C.        |
| George Porter ...              | ... | Prov. G. Sword Bearer          |
| Joseph Steele ...              | ... | Prov. G. Standard Bearer       |
| J. W. Baldwin ...              | ... | Prov. G. Assist. Stand. Bearer |
| G. S. Dunkley ...              | ... | Prov. G. Organist              |
| W. T. Catterson jun. ...       | ... | Prov. G. Pursuivant            |
| E. Nichols ...                 | ... | Prov. G. Asst. Pursuivant      |
| Jepps, Thomson, Hagerty, Lane, | }   | Prov. G. Stewards              |
| Stillwell, A. J. Greenwood     |     |                                |

Bro. Arnold was called upon by the Provincial Grand Master and addressed the brethren as to the advisability of more united action in regard to the support rendered by the Province to the Masonic Charities. Votes were frequently lost by reason of their not being forwarded to the Provincial representatives, while others were frequently given to outside applicants, to the detriment of Surrey candidates. In view of the strong organisations existing in neighbouring districts it was imperative that every vote should be made available, and that every support should be given to Surrey cases, otherwise they would be left out from the benefits of the Institutions. The Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and Isle of Wight endorsed the remarks of Bro. Arnold, and referred to the ever increasing difficulty which surrounded the elections for the Masonic Charities. Nothing but unanimity in a Province could ensure success for its candidates. After the transaction of business of a formal character Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to St. Andrew's Church, where a special service was held. The anthem "Send out Thy light" (Gonod) was well rendered, and a sermon was preached by Rev. Bro. Geoffrey Hughes, M.A., of Dorking, Provincial Grand Chaplain. Our reverend brother selected for his text Acts xvii. 25, 26.

"He giveth to all life and breath, and all things, and hath made of one blood all nations of men."

The preacher said—There can be no doubt that in the history of religion the narrowness of human sympathy, as well as of the human intellect, forms a conspicuous feature. It has been so in the past, as the records of many persecutions may remind us, and it is so in the present time, wherein, as we must confess, much uncharitableness is still allowed to wear the cloak of religion. It is scarcely necessary to say that such narrowness of heart does not rightly belong to any form of truth, it is an encumbrance to it, in fact often a very contradiction. And if sometimes we are troubled by hard actions performed, or harsh judgments uttered in the name of the religion which we profess; if sometimes, as may be possible, faith itself is shaken by the unloveliness of what is called religious principle, let us remember that God's ways are not man's ways, and attempt by a study of the Holy Word to shake off what is merely human corruption, and to find what is true in the truth of God. When the apostles of Jesus Christ were commissioned to carry His Gospel to all the world, they were encountered with the difficulties of the sort referred to in a remarkable degree. Perhaps to no one more than to St. Paul would it have seemed a matter of course at one time that the greater part of the world was alienated irrevocably from God; he might have thought, as a Jew of the Jews, a Pharisee of the Pharisees, that he himself and some others, comparatively few, were chosen, elect, precious, but that most men were lost. In this is one effect of his conversion marked, that when in the course of his mission work he had to preach especially to Gentiles, he was able to tell them of God's universal mercy. As when he came to Athens and saw the city wholly given to idolatry, he used no words of burning contempt, as if he would destroy them from the height of his superior attainments, but in the knowledge that the God who made him made them also, the God who sustained him sustained them also, he preached the universal Fatherhood of God—not excluding indeed future judgment for them and for himself as well—but for the present showing a universal call to mercy. He the one Great God, giveth to all life and breath and all things, and hath made of one blood all nations of men. The text may be regarded briefly by us in two aspects: 1st, as a proclamation of the One Creator; 2nd, as a declaration of the unity of mankind. The two truths are intimately connected; they teach us of the Universal Fatherhood and of the Universal Brotherhood, and though men may dream of separating these two, yet, as has long ago been shown, they are inseparable. Attempts may be made, and have been made, and are being made, to teach that man ought to love man, but need not love God; to arrange an aggregate of men who shall call each other brethren, but shall have no common Father. It is easy to teach, but to carry this to the desired practical result is impossible. If a man wishes to please himself, to love himself, and hate or despise or neglect his neighbour, he will do so in spite of teaching until you give him a principle of action greater than himself to which he must bow; and this we have in God the Universal Father, and in the gifts of His love which compel us to answer love with love. This is no opportunity now to argue on the fact asserted in the text that He, God, giveth to all life and breath and all things; but it is fitting that we should now echo such words with thankfulness, bow our own hearts to the great truth, and stand strongly in our own peculiar brotherhood upon the ground which has been maintained (which others have endeavoured to shake) that as Freemasons we acknowledge now and for ever as supreme the Great Architect of the Universe, being convinced that those who reject that mighty divine Fatherhood thereby completely undermine the essential principle of human brotherhood. But passing on from this foundation, I would ask you to think for a moment of the oneness of mankind, the unity of the race,—“He hath made of one blood all nations of men.” In the origin of our race we are one. Daily experience goes far to teach us that the unity of human nature still exists. In spite of differences we easily recognise a community of needs, of desires, of faculties, thoughts, and habits. We are alike in body and in mind, and more wonderful still, we are alike in spirit, in having similar spiritual satisfactions and similar spiritual longings. So much alike are we in these things, that it becomes almost easy to regard ourselves as just so many manifestations of the one animating principle, whether bodily, mental, or spiritual, only slightly differenced by circumstances. In one regard, indeed, we are many individuals, yet are we not—we cannot be separate. We are not as the stones upon the sea beach, of which we may count any number together and similar to each other; yet we recognise in them no unity; one may be removed here, another there, indifferently in a thousand ways, yet no real tie is either formed or severed. Man is not only like man, he belongs to man; together they form one whole. Trace it from the relation-

ships of family, parent, child, brother, sister, are one; form, feature, faculty, even character and habit, spring up we scarcely know how to tell of this unity; and if within the bonds of a single family it be true, it must remain true throughout the race that has a common origin, that human nature is one, created and sustained as a universal brotherhood. I have already noticed how religions truth is apt to be marred by human narrowness. The truth which religion asserts is this, that men are brethren; the narrowness of man replies that these brother men shall be as few as possible. There is no doubt a natural tendency also to this. The earliest vivid experiences of life are those which concern the child's own needs, pleasures, or pains; it is only gradually that the circle of sympathy can be enlarged for the admission of the pleasures, pains, and needs of others, parents, brothers, sisters, neighbours, fellow-countrymen, mankind at large. To make use of an old comparison, it was once only possible for astronomers to consider the earth which we inhabit as itself the centre of the Universe, about which all the other heavenly bodies must move in attendance; now we are known to be scientifically small and humble indeed among the vast magnitudes and spaces which the Great Architect has arranged. Man's moral narrowness has in like manner often led him to think himself the one important being to whom all around must minister, or, next to this, to admit into the select number whom he will call brethren as few of his fellow creatures as possible. Thus we have selfishness of all kinds, personal and social. Oh, let us lift up some voice against this false spirit of isolation. *The One Great God is our Universal Father.* Shall we not open our understandings and hearts as widely as the truth demands, and at least aim at the Universal Brotherhood? Yes, surely an appeal for wide-embracing love will meet with ready response amongst us to-day. Have we not already found in the midst of the mysteries of our Craft an ever-abundant stream of sympathy and brotherly love? In our own Brotherhood let us keep such an object in view; for we are in possession of a means very powerful for such an end. Already the ties of love with us are acknowledged to be extensive, spread as they are over the face of the globe; we, if any, are men who ought easily to learn that love is to be without limit. Ready with words of sympathy we should be active in works of charity, zealous in all that can promote the good of mankind. The opportunities presented to us are abundant, let us not fail to use them, and to act on the principles of our Craft, which are those of true religion. So we shall ourselves be honouring our brotherhood, and be teaching others to honour it. For men assuredly will honour that which is effectual in making life more full of love. When it is found that we as Freemasons can indeed lay aside our quarrels, that to us the appeal, made elsewhere in vain, "Sirs, ye are brethren," comes in the midst of strife with a power of command. When it is found that we can and do use the Craft in such manner as to become at the same time more loving husbands and parents, truer friends, and better citizens, then will the blessing of Almighty God be recognised as working with us. Freemasonry will be known even to the uninitiated to be not against religion, not instead of religion, but as a most effectual agent, a ministering handmaid, in the service of religion. So, brethren, may the bonds that unite us symbolize and teach a universal love. May the brotherhood of earth, by-and-by, enlarge into the complete fulness of the brotherhood of heaven. We can speak of heaven, for we acknowledge God; and know that, as He is maker of heaven as well as of earth, so, hereafter as well as now, there as well as here, He will be the One Giver, still the Universal Father of those who are members of the Universal Brotherhood.

The brethren afterwards sat down to banquet in the St. Mark's School, and here also the Provincial Grand Master presided. At the conclusion of the repast grace was sung, and then the toast list of the day was commenced. In proposing the first, the Queen and the Craft, General Brownrigg said that while anything approaching politics should be avoided at Masonic meetings, they could but express their sympathy with Her Majesty, who had recently, for upwards of a week, really been without advisers in the government of Her great Empire. This toast was followed by the National Anthem, and then the president gave that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Prince of Wales had for many years ably presided over English Freemasonry and took a great interest in its working. He (General Brownrigg) was one of the oldest members of the Alpha Lodge, in which the Grand Master had recently initiated his eldest son into the mysteries of the Order. The brethren must of course look forward to the time when the young Prince might be called upon to rule over the Craft, and naturally take great interest in anything which brought him nearer to them. He had not only been struck by the way in which the ceremony had been performed by the Prince of Wales, but also by the attention paid by the young prince during his initiation. He had evidently appreciated the position in which he was placed. The toast was duly honoured, and followed by a song. The next toast was that of the Grand Officers. The Provincial Grand Master felt extreme diffidence in submitting this toast to the notice of the brethren from the fact that he was, in a measure, proposing his own health, he having occupied the position of Senior Warden in Grand Lodge some thirty-two years back. There was no duty actually defined for the Grand Officers, and no duties actually laid down for them. Their work was to carry out the principles of Freemasonry, and promote its welfare. One could but be struck by the number of prominent members of the new government who were also prominent members of the Masonic Order, and no doubt they had the best wishes of their brother Masons. Bro. Case replied. The Provincial Grand Master had said that after thirty-two years' association with the toast he felt a diffidence in proposing the health of the Grand Officers, how much greater difficulty was it to adequately respond to it? The Grand Officers filled duties of a very important character in the Craft, and many of them had recently been called upon by the Queen to fulfil duties of importance in the country. The duties they fulfilled in the Craft they carried out most satisfactorily, and he felt sure they would be equally efficient in their prominent positions in the state.

Bro. Arnold proposed the health of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master. It was not necessary to say much in introducing this toast, because General Brownrigg was universally beloved by the Masons of the Province. The result of his rule was that they had a district working in peace and harmony, and prospering in a most satisfactory manner. He thought if they looked all round England they could not find a single Masonic Province with which they would rather be associated than with Surrey. He concluded by asking the brethren to drink the toast and join him in the hope that General Brownrigg might long have health and strength to manage the affairs of the district. The chairman, replying, said it was thirteen years since he had the honour of being appointed as Provincial Grand Master of Surrey. There were then nine Lodges for him to rule over; now they had more than three times as many. He could not say this increase had given rise to an unmixed feeling of gratification, for while Freemasonry had so largely increased, his difficulties in the management of the Province had also increased, and in no particular more so than in the appointment of Officers year by year. He hoped the appointments he had made that day had met the approval of the brethren of the Province generally. He had always received the most gratifying support from the Masons of his district, but from none more so than from he whose health he was about to propose—Bro. Arnold, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. He had been inclined to rejoice in the past in possessing so distinguished a Mason for his Deputy, and now that Bro. Arnold was about to leave he felt more like chanting a funeral dirge over his loss. He had often thought and said how fortunate he was as compared with other of his friends in a similar position, and felt it would indeed be a hard time for him when Bro. Arnold really left the Province. He wished him God speed in his new home, and hoped he would long cherish the memory of his association with the Masons of Surrey, by whom he would ever be remembered. With the toast was coupled the health of the Provincial Grand Officers generally. Bro. Arnold tendered his thanks, both on behalf of the Provincial Officers and on his own. He stood before them on what he might term a very painful occasion, for although he then stood in the position most men were proud to achieve, he yet felt his retirement from activity among them would be a painful matter. His being obliged to sever himself from Freemasonry in Surrey was among his greatest regrets. For nine years he had occupied the position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and those nine years had been most pleasant ones to him—there having scarcely ever been a case of difficulty in the Province throughout the entire term. In taking farewell of them—for he was afraid he should not be with them at their next meeting—he assured them he should always cherish memories of his connection with the Province of Surrey. The next toast was that of the Charities, and was proposed by Bro. Arnold, who again urged the necessity for united action in the district. General Brownrigg proposed the toast of the entertaining Lodge, complimenting them on the way in which they had carried out their work, and the taste they had displayed in the decorations of the table and rooms. Bro. Sebastian Hart, whose performance on the organ during the Church service had been referred to in most complimentary terms by the Provincial Grand Master, responded. This was certainly the most difficult part of his duty that day. He thanked the brethren for their presence, and was pleased to hear his Lodge had given satisfaction in the arrangements they had made. The Masters of the other Lodges in the Province were next toasted, and to this Bro. Langton, W.M. of the newly-consecrated George Price Lodge, replied. The Provincial Grand Master proposed the toast of the representatives of the Press—a class, he said, eminently useful in recording the doings of the Craft and in criticising its members whenever criticism was deserved. Bros. E. Massey, Morgan and others replied, and then Bro. C. T. Speight, the Provincial Grand Tyler, gave the concluding toast of the evening, this bringing the proceedings to a close.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

THE annual meeting of the brethren of Kent was held at Gravesend on Wednesday, under the presidency of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Viscount Holmesdale. The Prov. Grand Master was supported by the following Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge: James Smith Eastes Deputy Grand Master, R. T. Tatham Senior Warden, Rev. V. S. Vickers Chaplain, B. Kelly Thorpe Treasurer, Alfred Spencer Secretary, T. R. S. Champion Senior Deacon, Thomas Watson and F. Klatt Junior Deacons, Richard Durnell Superintendent of Works, John Wyer Deputy Director of Ceremonies, John T. Reeves Assist. D. of C., James Husband Sw.Bearer, E. Kipps Organist, A. W. Wells, J. M. Browning, E. Fenn, C. F. Wacher Stewards, Robert Eastly Tyler. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the accounts of the Prov. Grand Treasurer were submitted and adopted, after which Bro. B. Kelly Thorpe was re-elected to the office of Prov. G. Treasurer, and the following brethren were appointed and invested as the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge:

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| Bro. J. S. Eastes                      | - | - | - | Deputy G. Master  |
| Sir W. Hurt-Dyke, Bt., M.P., P.M. 1837 | - | - | - | Senior Warden     |
| Horatio Ward P.M. 31                   | - | - | - | Junior Warden     |
| Rev. V. S. Vickers P.M. 199            | - | - | - | } Chaplains       |
| Rev. J. P. Syre P.M. 709               | - | - | - |                   |
| B. K. Thorpe                           | - | - | - | Treasurer         |
| Alfred Spencer                         | - | - | - | Secretary         |
| J. Giesman Chillingworth P.M. 1973     | - | - | - | Registrar         |
| R. Clay Sudlow P.M. 1935               | - | - | - | } Senior Deacons  |
| C. F. Wacher P.M. 1209                 | - | - | - |                   |
| Arthur Carter W.M. 77                  | - | - | - | } Junior Deacons  |
| Edwin Fenn P.M. 1208                   | - | - | - |                   |
| J. M. Browning P.M. 784                | - | - | - | Supt. of Works    |
| A. W. Wells P.M. 299                   | - | - | - | Director of Cers. |

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| J. W. Penton P.M. 133        | - | - | Deputy D. of Cers.    |
| Herbert Black P.M. 1273      | - | - | Assistant D. of Cers. |
| T. C. Newsom P.M. 1692       | - | - | Sword Bearer          |
| G. Spinks P.M. 1536          | - | - | Standard Bearers      |
| Henry Doughty P.M. 483       | - | - |                       |
| W. Barlow P.M. 77            | - | - | Organist              |
| H. S. Watts P.M. 1206        | - | - | Assist. Secretary     |
| F. J. C. May P.M. 1063       | - | - | Pursuivant            |
| Saml. Varren P.M. 184        | - | - | Assist. Pursuivant    |
| Francis W. Prescott P.M. 199 | - | - | Stewards              |
| Charles Gray Long P.M. 503   | - | - |                       |
| G. L. Hart P.M. 558          | - | - |                       |
| Abel Fenfold P.M. 913        | - | - |                       |
| John Welsh P.M. 972          | - | - |                       |
| N. Wimble W.M. 1464          | - | - |                       |

The notices of motion formally submitted were then considered. The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master proposed that the recommendations of the Charity Committee be adopted; these comprised two grants of £10 each, one of £15, two of £20, and one of £30. Bro. Eastes seconded, and the votes were unanimously agreed to. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then proposed that a sum of fifty guineas be voted to the Female Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be paid in the name of the Provincial Grand Secretary, making him Vice Patron of the Institution; and that grants of £21 each from the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Fund, on behalf of the Lullingstone Lodge, No. 1837, be given to the Benevolent Institution, the Girls' School, and the Boys' School. These grants were unanimously confirmed, as also were the following:—£21 each to the Girls' School on behalf of Lodge No. 1208 Dover, 1209 Ramsgate, 1223 Westerham, and 1273 Sittingbourne; £10 10s each to the Boys' School on behalf of Lodges 1209 Ramsgate, 1223 Westerham, 1273 Sittingbourne, 1314 Bromley, 1414 Sevenoaks, 1424 Chatham, 1436 Sandgate, and 1449 Canterbury; and £21 each to the Benevolent Institution on behalf of Lodges 1314 Bromley, and 1414 Sevenoaks. These grants made a total of three hundred and ten guineas voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Masonic Charities, thus distributed:—110 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 100 guineas to the Boys' School, and 100 guineas to the Girls' School. The Provincial Grand Master proposed that the hearty thanks of the Freemasons of Kent be voted to Bro. Warne for his continued care in editing the Manual of the Province. The brethren were aware of the little work compiled by Bro. Warne, which each year was becoming more useful and, he was pleased to say, better appreciated. Bro. Eastes seconded the proposition, which was supported by the acting S.W., and carried unanimously. Bro. Warne thanked the brethren for the high compliment they had paid him for the very small service he was able to render to the district. Provincial Grand Lodge was then adjourned, and the brethren proceeded to St. George's Church, where Divine service was held. The sermon was preached by Rev. V. S. Vickers Prov. Grand Chaplain. On the return of the brethren to Lodge the Provincial Grand Master proposed votes of thanks to the Mayor and Corporation of Gravesend for the use of the Town Hall, to Rev. R. Joyner for the use of the church, and to the Provincial Grand Chaplain for his admirable sermon. These propositions were unanimously agreed to, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The collection at the church realised £15 16s, of which £7 18s was devoted to the Organ Fund of the church and £7 18s to the Masonic Charities. This latter amount was made up to £10 10s by the brethren of the entertaining Lodge—Freedom, No. 77. The brethren then proceeded to the new Falcon Hotel, where the annual banquet was held under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master. Among those who signed the attendance register were Bros. Frank Hitchens 77, H. Sole W.M. 158, R. H. Platten 158, D. Walter 125, J. Brown 1076, Henry Oldham 1365, W. W. Morgan jun., D. Keyse 1314, J. G. Chillingworth P.G.R., E. J. Goddall W.M. 1531, E. Collard P.M. 19, J. Bandoan P.P.S.G.D., T. F. Cooper 1536, W. Moulds W.M. elect 1536, W. Seager 1536, Flaxman Sparrell 615, J. Simmons, J. Goldfinch, Geo. Green P.M. 158, D. G. Chason 77, E. Walker 1766, H. Robson 503, G. Barton W.M. 1915, F. Hornis P.M. 31, Joseph Storey P.P.G.S. of W., W. A. Smeeth P.P.G.A.P., T. Puzey P.P.G.D.C., G. Willson 199, F. Mitchell 77, J. W. Piper 503, Thomas Cruttenden 503, J. Horton 913, A. E. Cranfield 373, A. R. Britten W.M. 829, J. Goldfinch P.M. 133, H. Ward P.M. 31, C. Hind 299, W. Denne W.M. 1206, E. Hire W.M. 125, C. J. Davison, G. Culver 125, G. Harvey 77, H. A. Hayward 77, A. Fien P.G.C., H. H. Green P.M. 709, R. French P.M. 483, W. Newey 77, C. S. Bow 503, W. J. Smith 77, W. Greig 299, R. Beamish 77, W. H. Hedger 77, R. Hyde 77, Edgar Bowyer Past G. St.B. England, W. W. Simmons, S. Varren P.M. 184, A. H. Bateman W.M. 1973, W. Kipps P.P.G.O., Silas Wagon 1063, C. Graham W.M. 874, J. Spurge 77, J. King Sec. 1692, M. J. Dickens 1692, W. W. Thomas, E. E. Elverston 1314, W. J. Hayward 483, E. Wallis 77, W. R. Green 77, W. F. Lukes, Jesse Thomas P.P.G.S.W., James Barnes 20, J. Bailey, J. Eldridge 558, H. McLachlan 1436, C. Russell 1436, T. Deane P.M. 77, G. Adamson P.P.G.A.D.C., Noah Martin P.P.G.S.B. P.M. 299, J. Brock P.M. 299, John Parsons P.M. 829, Jonas Hill W.M. 483, H. S. Watts P.M. 1206, R. Pickering P.M. 483, Allan Nutt P.M. 184, Frederick Nicholls 1050, J. W. Webb P.P.S.G.D., F. J. C. May P.P.G.P., G. Baker 503, T. Coury 1174, G. F. Busbridge P.P.A.G.Sec., Wm. Brodie P.P.G.D. Down, W. Paine 2046, J. W. Penton P.M. 133, Y. Terry 20, Henry Shaw, C. R. Cockburn W.M. 20, G. Munro 20, F. Teece 77, W. Francis P.M. 558, H. Waite 558, W. Griffin, J. Sherwood jun., W. Worsell 558, G. L. Hart I.P.M. 558, R. Goulden 558, C. Tayler P.M. 1624, Loftus Banks, S. H. Davis 1837, A. Penfold P.M. 913, C. Constance P.P.J.G.W., G. R. Boulton 1314, C. E. Birch I.P.M. 1223, T. J. Perkins W.M. 1208, H. T. Samson W.M. 1436, D. White 1436, J. W. Sutherland 223, J. J. Hamilton P.P.S.G.W., H. Geoze P.G.D. of C. Notts, G. Smith P.M. 1536, A. Bennett 77, John Aillad W.M. 615, R. Holland 77, G. R. Cobham 20, H. J. Bagshaw P.M. 543, E.

Baker 77, E. W. Robins P.M. 483, A. C. Bassenden 503, G. W. Mitchell 615, C. Burley Past Master, C. W. Young, T. R. Spin, Cn White Past Master 299, R. C. Sndlow Past Master 1965, F. S. Warne P.M. 20, J. Kennett P.M. 558, G. B. Chapman P.M. 27, C. E. Hatton P.P.S.G.D., F. J. Leale P.P.G.A.D.C., H. Iron W.M. 1273, H. Morris 1273, G. Goble 1273, P. Brannick W.M. 1967, T. W. Wallis 483, T. Wills P.P.S.G.D., T. W. Page 299, A. W. Wells P.M. 299 P.G.S., W. Hollis Treas. 1531, T. Comerford 1536, P. Jones 1837, W. Roots 1273, A. Petts 558, S. Joseph W.M. 558, P. Bond P.M. 1314, J. Payne, 558, E. E. Cronk P.M. 1414, T. Goodban 558, C. J. Craig P.M. 1223, Harry Hyssett 1222, Arthur Carter W.M. 77, G. F. Newman I.P.M. 77, J. Hartley, L.L.D., P.P.G.W. West Yorks, Alfred Spencer Prov. G. Sec., B. S. Wilmot P.P.G.R., W. Hills P.P.G.D., W. E. Hollingum P.P.S.G.D., Henry Doughty P.P.G.S.B., Rev. Hayman Cummings P.P.G.C., W. Barlow P.G.O., G. T. King P.P.G.A.P., T. C. Newsom P.M. 1692, C. Stratfern P.M. 483, J. Thornhill W.M. 503, J. Gray 503, P. A. Frost 784, E. G. Walthew Sec. 915, &c., B. Lightfoot 1915, F. W. Prescott P.M. 199, W. D. Young 31, J. W. Bussey 199, G. J. Bussey 199, D. W. Langton W.M. 1063, E. Jarvis 1063, Thomas Wyles P.P.G.D., John Smith I.P.M. 1967, W. Russell P.M. 77, J. C. Bices P.M. 77, W. Jude P.M. 1063, J. C. G. Boorman 158, A. S. Baskott 158, W. Roberts 1506, G. Berry 77, C. T. Groves 77, W. A. Weston P.P.G.S.B., W. Rowstone 1343, C. Kingsmill 125, W. B. Lloyd P.M. 913, John Coombes P.M. 829, W. Wimble W.M. 1464, Walter Harper 299, T. Morris 503, W. Bedford, G. Orford 503, E. Haswell 503, G. Ker P.P.S.G.D., C. G. Long P.P.G.S., &c., &c.

The banquet was well served, and at its conclusion Lord Holmesdale proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. This was followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. When we consider, said the Provincial Grand Master, how much time and how much ability his Royal Highness dedicates to Freemasonry, we should be more ungrateful than the usual run of Englishmen if we did not drink one cordial toast to his health. The toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past was next given from the chair. With regard to the two first-named, Masons felt grateful to them for the amount of time they devoted, and the ability they displayed in carrying on the work of the Craft. They could, however, scarcely do their work without the assistance of the other brethren comprised in the toast—the Grand Officers. It was not his intention to couple the name of the Senior Grand Officer then among them, as he was one of themselves, and would have to respond later on to the toast of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. They had Bro. Bowyer present, and his name would be coupled with the toast. Bro. Bowyer had done them the honour of attending some of their previous meetings, and they were always pleased to see him. Bro. Bowyer replied. As the Prov. Grand Master had said, the two noblemen whose names were first mentioned in the toast had performed most worthily and most faithfully the duties they were called upon to fulfil in Grand Lodge. He trusted the goodwill and popularity invariably shown towards the Pro Grand Master in Grand Lodge would be but the forerunner of the goodwill and popularity which he would experience in his new position in the Sister Isle. Brother Eastes Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed the next toast—the health of the Provincial Grand Master. He should have great diffidence in doing so did he not know that the value the Freemasons of Kent attached to their Provincial Grand Master would fully compensate for any shortcomings on his part in submitting the toast. The occasion was a somewhat special one—it being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the installation of Lord Holmesdale as Provincial Grand Master, which ceremony was also performed at Gravesend. Bro. Eastes well remembered that meeting, and no doubt there were many others present who also remembered it. At that time it was looked upon as a grand thing for Kentish Freemasonry that it should have Lord Holmesdale at its head, but it had proved to be very much more. At the time of Lord Holmesdale's installation there were 17 Lodges in the Province, with a membership of 810 brethren; now they had 51 Lodges, with upwards of 2,800 subscribing members. The presidency of Lord Holmesdale had truly been a great event for the Kentish brethren, and in no respect was this more apparent than in connection with the Masonic Charities. Whereas then the Prov. Grand Lodge contributed some £70 or £80 a-year, now their contributions amounted to something like £400 per annum. An immense amount of the prosperity of the district was due to their chief, who was not only known and respected in his Province, but also throughout the Craft, his presidency in the chair of Grand Lodge, or at one or other of the Festivals of the Charities having gained for him the respect of all. His advocacy of the claims of the Boys' School, three years back, had resulted in the grandest total being contributed to that Charity ever known in connection with any Charitable Association in the world. Lord Holmesdale replying said, it was the custom with many whose words and deeds would not comfortably go together to say a great deal had happened since then. A great deal had happened since he had been installed as Provincial Grand Master of Kent. He hoped the 25 years during which he had presided over them had been years of prosperity to Freemasonry in his district. He was honestly proud of his Province, which had risen from seventeen Lodges to fifty-one, and was shortly to be increased to fifty-three. The increase had been followed by increased desire to do good. Their system of Charity Organisation—which had been copied by almost every other Province in the country—had materially helped them. Looking back he could but remember the many distinguished Masons who had assisted him in the work of the Province, and while he regretted that very many of them had passed away, he felt that if they could see the present state of the Province they would be repaid for the share they had taken in advancing it. Four years since he had attained his majority as Provincial Grand Master, and had then received such a testimonial from his brethren as he thought no other Master had had. The silver vases then given him had been objects of regard ever since, and would remind him—should his interest in

the Province ever lessened—of what he owed to them. He felt, however, that even if he was spared for another twenty-five years to occupy the position of Provincial Grand Master he should never be lacking in sympathy for Freemasonry in Kent. He had had a most pleasing term of office. Only once had he been called upon to adjudicate on a case of dispute in the Province. He hoped as time went on the toast of his health would not be received with less cordiality than it had been received that night—while he was received in such a manner he should know that Freemasonry in Kent was prospering, and that he was carrying out his duties to their satisfaction. Lord Holmesdale then proposed the toast of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. When on the death of the former Deputy he had had to look around for a brother to assist him in the government of the Province it was fortunate he had selected Bro. Eastes, who had proved a most valuable Deputy. They divided the work among them. Bro. Eastes took all the blame and he all the credit, but he might say very little fell to the share of Bro. Eastes, while, thanks to him, very much came to his. Bro. Eastes had but one object in view—the improvement of Freemasonry in the Province of Kent. He hoped it would be many years before he was absent from his proper place at or near the right hand of the Provincial Grand Master. The toast met a most enthusiastic reception. Bro. Eastes found it a very difficult matter to adequately acknowledge the kindness shown him during the past eleven years. His chief regret was that he was not able to visit the many Lodges for which he received invites, and which he should like to attend. He felt sure that if their Provincial Grand Master should feel disposed to preside at one of the Festivals of the Girls' School he would receive the hearty support of the Masons of Kent. He (Bro. Eastes) was very proud of his office in Grand Lodge, which he felt had been given him in consequence of his association with the Province of Kent. He hoped he might long live in the hearts of the brethren of the Province. The Provincial Grand Master proposed the toast of the Visitors, and Col. King Harman, M.P., Prov. G. Master Meath responded. The brethren of Meath had lately gone through some very hard times, but their prospects were more encouraging. During the past ten years, however, they had not only increased the number of the brethren, but also of the Lodges, while they had resuscitated three Lodges which had lain dormant for some time. He felt sure the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, would receive a degree of support from the Masons of Ireland which he would fully appreciate. He had been struck by one part of the day's proceedings in particular—the visit of the brethren to church. It was not the custom to attend Divine Service on such occasions in Ireland, but the lesson he had today learnt he should endeavour to inculcate in his own Province, at least. The toast of the Provincial Grand Officers was next given. The brethren must regret the absence of the Senior Warden of the year from their meeting, but his duties in Ireland called him away, and his excuse for non-attendance was a good one. The Junior Grand Warden had been obliged to leave, he having a long journey before him, and the arrangements of the South-Eastern Railway waiting for no man. Luckily, however, Kent had never been wanting for good Officers, or good deputies for those unable to remain. Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings replied. The Senior Warden of the year regretted his other duties had called him away, while the brethren rejoiced that they had among them so distinguished a brother in whom to repose confidence. The Grand Officers of Kent had ever been found first and foremost in aiding the Provincial Grand Master, and he felt those appointed that day would not be exceptions to the rule. Bros. Coupland and Sparrell also replied. The health of the Provincial Grand Treasurer and Provincial Grand Secretary was then proposed. Lord Holmesdale felt the brethren were certain to honour the toast of the Treasurer if they lightly passed over the other Officers, inasmuch as the Treasurer was their own choice. He felt, however, the brethren could not have done better than re-elect Bro. Thorpe, who had served them so well in the past. Were they to search the Province round it was doubtful whether they would find a more suitable brother for the post or one who would give greater satisfaction. The proposition of Bro. Spencer's health as Prov. Grand Secretary had come to be a most monotonous affair. Year after year he had nothing fresh to say—it was always the same story—he had performed his work ably and creditably; indeed, it would almost become a welcome relief if Bro. Spencer would occasionally make a mistake, in order that there might be something fresh to speak about in connection with him. The Prov. Grand Treasurer tendered his thanks. It was indeed a great honour to him to be re-elected, for the tenth time, as Treasurer. They had that day voted upwards of £430 from Provincial Grand Lodge funds in the cause of charity, while during the last three years they had contributed £5,600 to the great Masonic Charitable Institutions. This proved that not only did the Kentish brethren enjoy themselves, but that they also carried out the grand object of Freemasonry—relief. Bro. Spencer followed. It would be his endeavour to disappoint the Provincial Grand Master in so far as giving him something fresh to talk about by making a mistake or neglecting his duties. Although at all times willing to follow the dictates of the P.G.M., this was a matter in which he should be justified in rebelling. He hoped to long enjoy the confidence and support of the Grand Lodge. Lord Holmesdale next submitted the toast of the Charities. The Kentish brethren never neglected the toast of the Masonic Charities, and more especially did they honour it when they had among them such a distinguished worker on behalf of the Institutions as Bro. Binckes, the energetic Secretary of the Boys' School. He felt, however, that the donations they were able to make were far more substantial evidence of their sincerity than any words he could utter. He should also ask the brethren to especially drink the health of Bros. Adamson and Russell, the representatives of the Province at the Elections. The task they carried out was no easy one; they performed it most satisfactorily. Bro. Binckes said that for the last quarter of a century he had been attending meetings of the brethren in Kent—Provincial Grand Lodge and otherwise. He always felt a pleasure in being among

them, as he was certain of a hearty welcome. It was often a difficulty with him to find words in which to appeal for recognition of the Charities, but in Kent it was different, there the difficulty was to find words in which to express gratitude for what was done, not only for the Boys' School, with which he was more particularly associated, but for each of the Masonic Institutions. He was pleased to hear the Provincial Grand Master had not forgotten the grand achievement of the Craft in 1883, when he had so ably presided at the Festival of the Boys' School, and felt it was an event which would never be forgotten in connection with the cause of charity generally. He hoped the result of that year might not only be equalled, but that it might frequently be exceeded; yet the honour would ever remain to Kent that its Provincial Grand Master had presided at the most successful Charity Festival ever known at that time. Speaking of the result of the present year's Festival, Bro. Binckes expressed how pleased he was to find that next to the Province presided over by the Chairman of the day, Kent occupied the first place, while another gratifying fact in connection with the present year was, that the Steward supported by the largest list also came from Kent—Bro. Bolton, of the Acacia Lodge, having secured that honour, with a total of £132. It appeared to be the ambition of the Kentish Masons to take the lead among the supporters of the Institutions. There was another celebration during the present year, at which he hoped to see them occupy their usual prominent position—the corner stone of the Boys' Preparatory School was to be laid on the 11th August, by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. He hoped that not only would that distinguished lady be supported by a very large number of Masons, but also that a large amount would be subscribed to meet the necessary expenses of the addition which had been made to the buildings of the Institution. Bro. Binckes desired to add his testimony to the zeal and activity displayed by the two brethren whom the Provincial Grand Master had associated with him in the toast. It was impossible that the working of the elections could be entrusted to better hands. Bro. Adamson followed. He thought Kent might congratulate itself on the way in which the whole of their Charity arrangements were carried out. Their Provincial Grand Secretary would act as Steward on behalf of the Benevolent Institution at the Festival in February next, and would doubtless receive, as he deserved, a large amount of support from his brethren. Bro. Russell was delighted in being associated with the toast, as he felt the brethren were satisfied at the way in which their wishes were carried out. It was a very difficult matter to decide what should be done in the way of voting at the several elections, and the difficulty was becoming greater year by year as greater organisation was completed in the several Provinces. It was very easy the day after the election, with the full result sheet before one, to say what should have been done, but very difficult when working—in the dark as they really were—at the elections. He urged that all votes should be sent to the Prov. Committee signed, but not filled up for any particular candidate. Neglect of this latter rule not only gave additional trouble, but frequently led to the loss of votes at a time when they were particularly needed. The Provincial Grand Master proposed the health of the W.M. and brethren of the Entertaining Lodge (The Freedom, No. 77), wishing them every prosperity, and thanking them for their admirable arrangements, which had materially added to the enjoyment of those present. The proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast. An excellent musical programme was gone through, the artistes being Bros. W. Sexton, E. Dalzell, F. H. Cozens, and Franklin Clive, each of whom ably acquitted himself.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Town Hall, Reading, under the presidency of Sir Daniel Goch, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. Grand Master, who was supported during the meeting by the following Provincial Officers of the past year:—Bros. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg Deputy G. Master, Rev. John Atkins Assistant Chaplain, Charles Stephens P.M. 414 Treasurer, Robert Bradley P.M. 414 Secretary, John Goddard P.M. 771 Junior Deacon, S. J. Wheeler W.M. 414 Supt. of Works, H. L. Harris 948 Organist, G. W. Dixon P.M. 209 Assistant Secretary, Frank Weeden W.M. 1887 Pursuivant, Harry Martin 591, M. J. Withers 414, T. R. Vowles 1101, D. H. Witherington 414, Thos. Linscott W.M. 795 Stewards, W. Hemmings Tyler, and others. Previous to the assembly of Provincial Grand Lodge the Finance Committee had met, and the accounts of the year had been audited. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and on the roll of Lodges being called over it was found all were represented. Several letters of apology were received from Provincial Grand Officers who were unable to attend. The minutes of the last annual meeting were confirmed. Report was made as to the consecration of the Kendrick Lodge, No. 2043, and then the Financial statement of the Provincial Grand Treasurer and the report of the Charity Committee were considered. The General Fund of the Province showed a balance carried forward of £77 11s 3d, amongst the expenditure being a vote of twenty-five guineas to the Charity Fund. The Charity Fund itself was closed with a balance of £55 2s 6d, this year's grants from it totalling up to 115 guineas comprised of votes of ten guineas each to Lodges 209, 414, 591, 771, 1101 and 1566, and of five to Lodges 574, 795, 840, 945, 1410, 1501, 1639, 1770, 1787, 1894, and 1899. The Provincial Grand Secretary reported the number of members in the district as 808, and of Past Masters as 180, a state of affairs which Sir Daniel Goch thought they might congratulate themselves upon. Speaking of the newly consecrated Kendrick Lodge, he said it was not at present a strong one, but no doubt it would enjoy the same amount of prosperity as had attended the other Lodges in Reading. In the death of Bro. Moxhay he felt the Province had lost a brother who had always striven to advance the interests of Free-

masonry in the Province. The Provincial Grand Master announced that the next meeting of his Grand Lodge would be held at Aylesbury. Bro. Chas. Stephens was re-elected to the office of Prov. G. Treasurer, and suitably acknowledged the compliment paid him. The other Provincial offices were filled as follows:—

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| Bro. G. W. Dixon 209               | - | - | Senior Warden        |
| W. G. Flanagan 1101                | - | - | Junior Warden        |
| Rev. John Atkins 574               | - | - | } Chaplains          |
| Rev. H. F. Oliver 1894             | - | - |                      |
| Charles Stephens 414               | - | - | Treasurer            |
| W. H. Belcher 574                  | - | - | Registrar            |
| Robert Bradley 414                 | - | - | Secretary            |
| L. Cooper 1410                     | - | - | Senior Deacon        |
| M. J. Withers 414                  | - | - | Junior Deacon        |
| Jas. Wilson 1787                   | - | - | Supt. of Works       |
| C. Luker 1770                      | - | - | Dir. of Ceremonies   |
| G. Stratton 591                    | - | - | Assist. D. of Cere.  |
| F. Manley 771                      | - | - | Sword Bearer         |
| S. Dyer 1887                       | - | - | Standard Bearer      |
| S. R. Hayward 414                  | - | - | Organist             |
| J. H. Hawkes 1101                  | - | - | Assistant Secretary. |
| W. E. Beale 1566                   | - | - | Pursuivant           |
| C. J. Hawkes 414, Doran Webb 1894, |   |   |                      |
| A. W. Parry 414, L. N. Simms 591,  |   |   |                      |
| A. Mayne 591, J. K. R. Fowler 414  | - | - | Stewards             |
| W. Hemmings                        | - | - | Tyler                |

The following brethren were invested with the Provincial Charity jewel:—Bros. M. J. Withers W.M. 414, S. Wheeler jun. P.M. 414, H. S. Hanington 574, Rev. F. W. Harnett 840, G. Saxby W.M. 945, J. E. Danks P.M. 1101, W. W. Ridlav P.M. 1101, H. Arrowsmith S.W. 1566 and Henry King W.M. 1639. Provincial Grand Lodge was then formally closed, and the brethren proceeded to the adjoining Hall to banquet. At the conclusion of the dinner the usual toasts were honoured.

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### PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

THE eleventh Convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Monday, 22nd ult. The M.E. Grand Superintendent of the Province, Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., presided, and was supported by the following Provincial Officers: R. H. Thrupp H., W. Taylor J., W. A. Dawson S.N., H. G. Buss Treasurer, J. Faulkner S.B., G. J. Dankley Organist, and J. Gilbert Janitor. Among the other Companions present were:—H. J. Adams, H. M. Gordon, J. W. Pearce, T. C. Walls, T. W. Greenwood, J. T. Biggs, J. J. Marsh, J. Inglis, J. Sadler Wood, J. W. Sanders, A. W. Wright, E. Dare, W. Fooks, C. Veal, C. W. Gray, J. B. Riley, T. Goodchild, A. C. Spaul, C. H. Webb, J. Green, C. Stevens, W. W. Morgan, H. Sapsworth, and W. H. Lee. The roll of Chapters in the Province was called over, and it was found that two of the number were unrepresented. The minutes of last Convocation having been verified, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted, this showed a balance of £18 17s; it was formally adopted. The appointments of the Provincial Grand H. and J. were then made, and was followed by the election of Provincial Gr. Treasurer. The Prov. Gr. Superintendent spoke of the services rendered by Comp. Buss, who had filled the office of Treasurer since the foundation of the Province, and now, he regretted to say, was compelled to retire in consequence of ill health. Companion Inglis was nominated for the office, and was unanimously chosen. The appointments were as follows:

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| Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp | . | . | H.              |
| Dr. Riley               | . | . | J.              |
| James Inglis            | . | . | Treasurer       |
| W. Fooks                | . | . | Registrar       |
| J. F. H. Woodward       | . | . | Scribe E.       |
| T. W. Greenwood         | . | . | S.N.            |
| T. C. Walls             | . | . | Principal Soj.  |
| C. W. Gray              | . | . | 1st Asst. Soj.  |
| C. Veal                 | . | . | 2nd Asst. Soj.  |
| Sadler Wood             | . | . | Sword Bearer    |
| W. H. Lee               | . | . | Standard Bearer |
| C. Stevens              | . | . | Organist        |
| J. Gilbert              | . | . | Janitor         |

A vote of five guineas from the funds of the Prov. G. Chapter was made to the Levander Fund, and after a vote of thanks had been accorded to the Companions of the Burdett Chapter for the way in which they had arranged for the reception of Prov. G. Chapter the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. The Companions afterwards dined together, when the usual Royal Arch toasts were honoured.

### STOCKWELL CHAPTER, No 1399.

THE installation meeting of the above Chapter was held on the 23rd ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Comps. Sawyer M.E.Z., W. Vincent H., Pulman as J. Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. The Auditors' report was read and adopted. A ballot was taken for a Companion for the office of H., to take the place of Comp. Boswell, who was elected at the last Convocation, but who had died in the interval. Comp. Frances P.Z. was unanimously chosen. Comp. W. Vincent was installed M.E.Z. by Comp. H. Frances P.Z. The M.E.Z. installed Comp. Goddard as J. in his usual perfect and impressive manner. Comps. Masters was invested S.E., Moss S.N., Pulman P.Z. Treas., Stewart P.S. Companions H. Vincent and C. Tayler were present

as Visitors. A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. Sawyer. A letter of condolence was voted to be sent to the widow of the late respected Companion Boswell, and then the Chapter was closed until October. A banquet followed, when the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given.

A convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Nottinghamshire will be held at the Town Hall, Mansfield, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at 2:30 p.m. Among the business to be transacted is the consecration of the Forest Chapter, No. 1852. A banquet will take place at the Swan Hotel, at 5 o'clock.

## MARK MASONRY.

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### PROV. GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight assembled at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Thursday, the 25th ultimo. The Rev. Canon Portal, P.G. Mark Master, presided. After the transaction of the usual routine business of confirming minutes and receiving accounts, the Rev. Canon Portal said that he thought the time had arrived when he should vacate his position, and as this year the brethren would be called upon to make their triennial election of P.G. Mark Master he thought they should appoint some one to the office who could devote more time to the duties than he was able to do. He therefore proposed that Bro. Lord John Taylour P.G.S.W. should be the Provincial Grand Master. Bro. J. E. Le Fenve, whilst acknowledging the high Masonic services of Lord John Taylour, said that the Province was proud of having at its head a Past Grand Master of the Order. He was sure after the able manner the Rev. Canon Portal had presided over them for the last fifteen years it would be the unanimous wish of the brethren that he should continue to hold office. He therefore moved a resolution to that effect. Bro. Lord John Taylour seconded the nomination, and Canon Portal having given his consent, he was unanimously re-elected. Bro. R. J. Rastrick was also elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. The following were then appointed as the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

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|---------------------------|---|---|---------------------|
| Bro. R. Loveland Loveland | - | - | Deputy Master       |
| Rev. J. N. Palmer 320     | - | - | Senior Warden       |
| S. T. Webb 37             | - | - | Junior Warden       |
| D. O. Hobbs 63            | - | - | Master Overseer     |
| D. Sydenham 125           | - | - | Senior Overseer     |
| R. Glasspool 54           | - | - | Junior Overseer     |
| Rev. — Pickering          | - | - | } Chaplains         |
| Rev. W. C. Browne         | - | - |                     |
| R. J. Rastrick 17         | - | - | Treasurer           |
| G. J. Tilling 63          | - | - | Secretary           |
| R. W. Beale 17            | - | - | Registrar of Marks  |
| A. Dashwood 320           | - | - | Senior Deacon       |
| J. E. Beck 2              | - | - | Junior Deacon       |
| A. Greig 305              | - | - | Supt. of Works      |
| S. Clarke 63              | - | - | Dir. of Ceremonies  |
| H. M. Dunston 54          | - | - | Assist. D. of Cere. |
| P. H. Emanuel 62          | - | - | Sword Bearer        |
| W. J. Rix 54              | - | - | Standard Bearer     |
| Rutland 140               | - | - | Organist            |
| Blackman 63               | - | - | Inner Guard         |
| J. Robertson 140          | - | - | } Stewards          |
| J. Brickwood 2            | - | - |                     |
| W. G. P. Gilbert 17       | - | - |                     |
| Watson                    | - | - | Tyler               |

After the proceedings the brethren dined together. There was a large attendance of the members of the Province, including Bros. Lord John Taylour, M. E. Frost, G. F. Lancaster, R. Loveland, W. J. Hickman, A. R. Holbrook, G. J. Tilling, W. Horton, D. O. Hobbs, the Revs. J. N. Palmer, Dr. Ring, Pickering, and Browne, and Bros. G. A. Mursell, F. Powell, R. W. Mitchell, R. W. Beale, G. Whitehall, W. G. P. Gilbert, H. E. Loader, &c.—*Portsmouth Times*.

### CONSECRATION OF THE CHISWICK LODGE, No. 357.

THIS event took place on Saturday, the 27th ult., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, under most favourable auspices as to the future of the new Lodge. Old and tried members met in force, and the element of fresh blood was not wanting to preserve, and it may be to increase the vigour of this branch of the Masonic Order. A sure foundation was laid, and we believe the superstructure will be worthy of the genius of the general body. The founders and numerous visiting brethren having assembled, Brother John Laurence Mather took the chair. He was supported by Bros. J. S. Cumberland P.G.J.O. as S.W., J. Syers J.W., W. G. Lemon M.O., W. Lake S.O., F. W. Driver J.O., F. Tyler S.D. The G. Organist, Bro. E. J. Hoare, acted as Organist, while among those present were the following:—Bros. W. Roebuck Grand Master's Lodge P.G.M.O., F. Binckes P.G.W. G. Sec., W. Rawston J.W. 13, W. J. Spurling Bon Accord, F. W. Driver G.S. P.M. 176, W. G. Lemon J.W. Bon Accord T.I., H. Hodges 257 G.S.W. Berks and Oxon, E. J. Mills S.W. 350, W. M. Stiles Old Kent T.I., D. Stroud D.C. Thistle, W. Lake Fortitude P.G. Reg., D. P. Cama 12 G. Stwd., W. Fisher W.M. 181, C. E. Soppet W.M. G. Stwd., W. B. Fendick W.S. 8, Egbert Roberts Organist 233, Shadwell H. Clerke P.G.W.,

R. Goodings, M.D., G.J.O., J. Moon Old Kent T.I., and Sir Francis Bardett Provincial Grand Master Middlesex. A Mark Lodge was formally opened, and a ballot taken for new members. Among them were Bros. J. E. Edwards, Robert Taylor, H. J. Davis, R. J. Petley, W. Clowes, J. Brill, B. Hardy, and W. Gomm, who were duly advanced to the degree of M.M. Mason, after some delay, which unfortunately interfered with the subsequent ceremony, and with the comfort of the brethren. Bros. J. L. Mather, A. Pears, and W. W. Morgan were affiliated. Under the presidency of Bro. Binckes, assisted by Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke Senior Warden and Bro. W. Roebuck Junior Warden, the consecration of the new Lodge was proceeded with. Bro. Binckes said he was there by command of the Grand Master, and by permission of the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex and Surrey, to perform an agreeable duty. He expressed the pleasure he felt at having conferred upon him the privilege of performing this ceremony. Bro. Gardner Secretary pro tem read the petition; then followed the solemn service of consecration, concluding with the installation of Bro. Dr. Meadows as W.M., who appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. G. Gardner S.W., F. Tyler J.W., A. Pears M.O., J. Syers S.O., J. Edwards J.O., F. Lawrence Treasurer, R. Taylor R.M., J. L. Mather Secretary, W. W. Morgan S.D., R. Petley J.D., A. Scarisbruck D.C., H. J. Davis I.G., W. Gomm and W. Clowes Stewards, J. Walekley Tyler. The Consecrating Officers, Bro. Binckes, Clark, and Roebuck, on the motion of the W.M., were elected honorary members. Several brethren were proposed for advancement, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

The banquet that followed was worthy of the fame Bro. Brill has obtained as a caterer. The menu card was tastefully composed and printed, and the musical programme varied and attractive. Bros. Roberts and Probert displayed their usual power, and Bro. Hoare directed with skill. The first toast was the Queen and Mark Masonry, followed by the Most Worshipful the Earl of Kintore Grand Mark Master Mason and the Grand Lodge of England. Both toasts were suitably introduced by the W.M., and in reply to the latter Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke said he did not know why he had been called upon to respond, as he was not the senior Officer present, but he reciprocated the fraternal words that had been spoken. He alluded to the remarkable progress made by the Mark Degree, and concluded with the hope that he should continue to merit the esteem and goodwill of the brethren. Bro. Moon Mark Grand Treasurer also replied. In proposing, the health of the R.W. Sir Francis Bardett, Bart. Prov. G.M.M.M., and the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey, the W.M. said it was the toast of the evening. He felt proud of the honour of serving under their Provincial Grand Master, who had distinguished himself by his courtesy and Masonic ability, and to whom they owed their existence as a Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master acknowledged the pleasant compliments that had been paid him. At first he was elected for three years, but confidence had been renewed from time to time, until fifteen or sixteen years had passed. The proceedings that day had put new life into him, and he hoped to continue to labour in the future as he had done in the past,—for the good of the Order. He concluded by gracefully recognising the services of Bro. Brighton, the Provincial Grand Mark Secretary without whose help he could not so well have carried out his duties in the Province. The health of the Worshipful Master having been proposed, was received with great cordiality, and responded to in appropriate terms. The Worshipful Master proposed the Consecrating Officer, Bro. Fredk. Binckes. Accompanying the toast was the following quotation from Henry IV.:

“A braver place  
In our heart's love hath no man.”

The remarks of the W.M., coupled with the enthusiastic reception of the toast, seemed to touch Bro. Binckes, and in his reply he referred to the esteem he felt for Dr. Meadows, whom he thanked for kind reference to himself. He was glad to know that his zeal for Mark Masonry was recognised, and if he could truly believe that he deserved the praise contained in the quoted lines he should leave the room the happiest of Brother Masons. At first the Mark Degree was looked upon with coldness; it was now favoured by those occupying the highest positions in the Craft, including the Prince of Wales. Next June it would be twenty-five years since he became Grand Secretary, and although the Order was only then tolerated, he had lived to see it grow into a Constitutional Degree, recognised in every quarter as an integral part of the great family of Masonry. After alluding to the omission of portions of the consecration ceremony, which he felt was justified under the circumstances, he predicted a bright future for the new Lodge. The following toasts brought the proceedings to a close: Our newly advanced brethren, the Visitors, the Officers of the Chiswick Lodge No. 357, and Our poor and distressed Brethren. We should mention that each article of furniture, clothing, &c., was presented by the founders—the jewels, working tools and pedestals bearing an engraved silver plate with the name of each donor.

The consecration of the Ethelbert Lodge, No. 2099, will take place on Thursday, 9th inst., at Herne Bay, at one o'clock, after which Bro. Charles Frederick Wacher P.M. 1209 P.P.G.S. Kent, the W.M. designate, will be installed. The ceremonies will be performed by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master Viscount Holmesdale, who will be assisted by Bro. J. S. Eastes, the Deputy of the Province, and other Provincial Grand Officers. A cold collation will be provided at the Pavilion, at 4 p.m., tickets for which (price 5s 6d each) may be had of Bro. Edward Eyre, the Secretary pro tem, Herne, Canterbury.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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### NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—May I again claim space in your columns to inform my Northern brethren what steps have been and are being taken to forward the formation of a Northern Counties Lodge in London?

It has been felt for some time past that a Lodge formed of brethren born north of the Trent, although now resident in or near London, or who were initiated in a Lodge in the districts named, would be sure to meet with hearty approval, and be a sort of rallying point for such brethren, and also for those brethren whose business brings them periodically to London. With the view of carrying this into effect, a number of brethren met at 16A Great Queen-street, by the kind permission of Bro. George Kenning, on Thursday last, the 25th inst., when representatives from West Yorkshire, North and East Yorkshire, East Lancashire, West Lancashire, Cheshire, Durham, and Northumberland were present, and the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

1st. That it is desirable to form a Lodge composed of brethren members of Lodges, or who have been initiated in Lodges, north of the Trent.

2nd. That all brethren now living in London, born in any province north of the Trent, shall also be eligible for membership.

3rd. That the Lodge shall be called “The United Northern Counties Lodge.”

4th. That candidates for initiation, duly proposed and seconded, shall be eligible for the ballot as members of the Lodge, who were born in any province north of the Trent, or who at present reside, or have resided in such district for not less than five years.

It was further decided to recommend to the brethren forming the Lodge that the initiation fee be in accordance with the new Book of Constitutions. That the joining fee and annual subscriptions be moderate; that each brother shall pay for his own refreshment; and that no refreshments be paid for out of the Lodge funds except by special vote of the Lodge.

Also that there be a Lodge of Instruction fortnightly, or otherwise as may be decided, at which all brethren from the northern counties, being in London on business, may attend and introduce a brother from the districts named.

The meeting was adjourned to Thursday, the 23rd July, at the same time and place, and a Committee of five brethren was appointed to make certain inquiries, and to report at the adjourned meeting.

I hope that as the movement is now fairly started, brethren who approve of it and are desirous of helping it forward will oblige by sending their names, with full particulars as to Lodge, rank, &c., to me at my office with as little delay as possible, and will make a point of attending the next meeting. I may also add that what has already been done is only preliminary and open to alteration as to details, I will therefore fraternally ask for any suggestions from brethren which are likely to assist in perfecting the scheme.

In conclusion, I will thank you in anticipation, and before closing say, that it is suggested to meet four times a year, either the day before or the day after Grand Lodge meeting, or else near the Masonic Festivals or Elections. Opinions on this point are invited.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

J. S. CUMBERLAND,

P.M. 1611, P.P.G.J.W. North and East Yorkshire.

110 Cannon Street, London, E.C., 29th June.

A confirmation of the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on the 18th ult., at St. Peter with St. Paul Church, Battersea-rise, by the Lord Bishop of Rochester, at which 36 of the children were confirmed. The Bishop was attended by several of the clergy of the neighbourhood, including Rev. Canon Erskine Clarke and Rev. J. Toone Chaplain of the Institution. After the confirmation, the Bishop having expressed a wish to see over the Institution, was conducted there by the Chaplain, accompanied by the other clergymen. He was received by Bros. Rucker, Richardson, Grey, and Matthews, representing the House Committee, also Miss Jarwood, the Matron, Miss Davis, the Head Governess, and the other members of the staff. His lordship having inspected the Institution, the children went through their calisthenic exercises, and were most kindly addressed by the Bishop, who, in giving advice and encouragement to them, congratulated them on their behaviour and happy looks, and expressed a wish to bring his own family with him on some future occasion.

The Elthorne and Middlesex Lodge, No. 2094, will be consecrated at the Town Hall, Hounslow, on Saturday, the 11th instant.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 11th July 1885, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the List for the Election in October next, to declare the number of Girls then to be elected, and to consider Notices of Motion, as under:

Upon the recommendation of the House Committee, by Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, Vice-Pat. :-

"That one additional Girl be elected at the Quarterly General Court in October, thereby raising the number of elected Girls in the Institution to 236."

By Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL :-

"That the meetings of the General Committee commence at 5 o'clock p.m. instead of 4 o'clock p.m., and that the Laws be altered accordingly."

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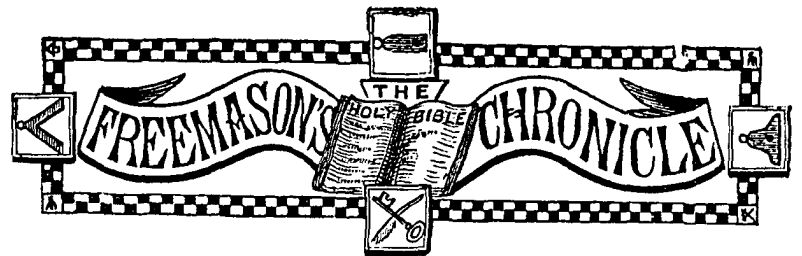
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## ANNUAL FETE, BOYS' SCHOOL, WOOD GREEN.

HONOURS were fairly and appropriately divided so far as the presidency of the proceedings on the occasions of the visits of the Stewards to the two Institutions for Boys and Girls was concerned. Miss Fowler, as Lady Mayoress, gracefully discharged the duties of dispenser of honours to the Girls, and on the 20th ult. the Lord Mayor, Bro. R. N. Fowler, M.P., undertook a similar office on the part of the Boys. Bro. Binckes, the able and undaunted Secretary of the Institution, welcomed the many guests who were present. The hall in which they assembled, he said, although not complete, was so far advanced as to be made available for the occasion, and would ultimately form a valuable addition to the School. He desired to recognise the kindness of the Lord Mayor in presiding that day, and he was sure that all present would join him in thanking Brother Fowler for finding time, amidst his multifarious duties, to come among them. Bro. Morris, M.A., LL.D., (Head Master) referred to the education of the boys, which he said was intended to secure their physical as well as intellectual development. The following programme gives the names of the successful pupils, the prizes that were awarded, and the entertainment that had been prepared for the pleasure of the visitors. It is pleasant to be able to say that the whole passed off most successfully. The Lord Mayor shook each prize winner by the hand, and in his remarks he expressed approval of the work done, and of the labours of the Head Master and Committee of the Institution. A sound education was given to the boys, as might be gathered from the fact that out of 16 candidates sent up for the Cambridge Local Examination last December all had passed—12 of them with honours. He concluded with a few words of encouragement to those who had not been successful in winning prizes, but who had learned the lessons of industry and perseverance. On the motion of Bro. Bowyer, a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Fowler for presiding. The Lord Mayor acknowledged the compliment, and took the opportunity of proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Morris for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of Head Master. The compliment was well deserved and generously welcomed. The vote having been acknowledged, and the Lord Mayor having to leave, Bro. Plunkett, the Treasurer, presided over the rest of the proceedings.

### PROGRAMME.

Part Song—"A Choral March" (Becker)—The Choir.

Conductor, Bro. H. W. Dutton. Accompanyist, E. Hann, Esq.

Pianoforte Solo—Gavotte, "Banbury Cross" (Prudhom)—W. Conway.

Part Song—"O by Rivers, by whose falls" (Bishop)—The Choir.

PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTION.

First Class.—Scripture, W. Richardson. Latin, H. King and A. Kennedy. French, F. Smith. English, J. Hurst. Mathematics,



A. Haworth. Attention to Studies, F. Tanner, G. Jones and W. Pringle.

Second Class.—General Proficiency, R. Reynolds and D. Ashdown. Attention to Studies, J. Scott and G. Brooks.

Third Class.—General Proficiency, E. Lucas and G. Wilson. Attention to Studies, H. High, E. Platt and F. Herring.

Fourth Class.—General Proficiency, A. Blunt and A. Fellowes. Attention to Studies, H. Richardson and F. Lewis.

Fifth Class.—General Proficiency.—C. Seagrave and W. Stanford.

Sixth Class.—General Proficiency.—S. Gibson, F. Coleman and H. Lillywhite.

Seventh Class.—General Proficiency, E. Nichols and J. Walters. Part Song—"The Chough and Crow" (Bishop)—The Choir.

Duet—"Andante" (Haydon's "Surprise" Symphony)—W. Conway and W. Pringle.

Part Song—"My Love's like the Red Rose" (Knyvett)—The Choir.

SPECIAL PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Writing, 1st, G. Keighley; 2nd, W. Stanton. Dictation, 1st F. Smith; 2nd, P. Gedge. History, 1st, J. Hurst; 2nd, A. Haworth. Geography, 1st, P. Gedge; 2nd, H. Kuott. Mental Arithmetic, C. Crow. Elocution, 1st, F. Smith; 2nd, H. King. Efficiency as Monitor, W. Stanton, J. Langdon, and G. Keighley. Proficiency in drill, G. Keighley. The Band, W. Stanton, W. Sutton, R. Watson, C. Thompson, A. Lewis, and J. Hurst. Music (Vocal), F. Cairney.

PRESENTED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The Band, 1st, F. Smith; 2nd, V. Shrapnel. Pianoforte, W. Conway.

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By Bro. W. A. Scurrah (Vice President), for Shorthand, W. R. Watson.

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By Mr. Sylvester (Drawing Master), for Object Drawing, G. Keighley; Freehand, — Pike; Mapping, W. Sutton; Painting, H. King; Shading, C. Johnston; Architecture, J. Langdon.

Part Song—"From Oberon in Fairyland" (Stevens)—The Choir.

Solo—"Where the Bee Sucks" (Arne)—F. Cairney.

Part Song—"The Sea King" (Smart)—The Choir.

Silver Medal for Good Conduct—Presented by the Institution—Herbert Rich Honnslow.

Canonbury Gold Medal—Presented by the late Bro. E. Cox, Vice Patron—Frank Smith.

Silver Watch and Chain for General Good Conduct—Presented by the Supreme Council 33, to a Pupil leaving the Institution.—William A. Sutton.

Result of the University Examination, Cambridge, December 1884 (the Prizes apportioned from the interest, £23, of the Fund, £525), founded by Bro. W. Winn P.M. 657 Vice Patron.

Part Song—"Awake, Awake, the flowers unfold" (Leslie)—The Choir.

Pianoforte Solo—Gavotte "Royale" (Asch)—W. Pringle.

Part Song—"Hail, Smiling Morn" (Spofforth)—The Choir.

Part Song—"A Spring Song" (C. Pinsuti)—The Choir.

Part Song—"England" (Hatton)—The Choir.

A Short Farce.

National Anthem—"God Save the Queen"—The Choir.

After partaking of a cold collation in the gymnasium, the visitors were entertained with athletic sports by the boys. The following were the results of the various competitions:—

Throwing the cricket ball (2 prizes).—P. Gedge 1; W. Gibson 2.

100 yards flat race, boys over 13 (2 prizes).—First heat: F. Thomas 1; M. Coverdale 2. Second heat: W. Sutton 1; S. Allison 2. Third heat: P. Gedge 1; W. Gibson 2. Final: Gibson 1; Sutton 2.

100 yards flat race, boys under 13 (2 prizes).—First heat: G. Ker 1. Second heat: E. Farrar 1; C. Sanderson 2. Third heat: Williams 1; P. Liversidge 2. Final: Sanderson 1; Williams 2.

High jump, open (2 prizes).—W. Gibson 1; P. Gedge 2.

Quarter mile scratch race, open (2 prizes).—P. Gedge 1; W. Malcolm 2.

Quarter mile handicap, under 13 (2 prizes).—G. Sutcliffe 1; P. Liversidge 2.

Long jump, open (2 prizes).—P. Gedge 1; W. Sutton 2.

Hurdle race, open (2 prizes).—P. Gedge 1; W. Sutton 2.

There were several other events, which we were prevented from witnessing. They included, a three-legged and band boys' races, two half-mile handicaps for boys over and under 13 years of age, and two tugs of war. The school band played a selection of music between the intervals of the sports, which added to the pleasure of the visitors.

The installation meeting of the Saye and Sele Lodge, No. 1973, will be held on Monday, the 27th instant, at the Royal Alfred Institute, Belvedere, Kent.

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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### ANGEL LODGE, No. 51.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 25th ult., in the Assembly Room of the Town Hall (by permission of the Mayor), Colchester. Among those present were Bros. R. Haward Ives W.M., Joseph Grimes S.W., A. S. B. Sparling J.W., W. P. Lewis P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, T. J. Ralling P.M. Prov. G. Sec. Secretary, R. Gregson P.M., A. Welch P.M., W. Sowman P.M., W. A. Bowler W.M. 114 P.M., C. Cobb P.M., G. Harrison P.M. S.D., E. Hennemeyer P.M. P.P.S.G.W. D.C., J. J. C. Turner P.M. P.P.G.O. Organist, Frank Quilter I.G., F. Horsman, R. O. Coombs, and F. Reichter Stewards. After formalities had been observed, Bro. Joseph Grimes was installed into the chair of the Lodge, and, in due course, he appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. R. Haward Ives P.G. Stwd. I.P.M., A. S. B. Sparling S.W., George Harrison J.W., Rev. C. L. Ackland Chaplain, W. P. Lewis Treasurer, Thos. J. Ralling Secretary, Frank Quilter S.D., R. C. Knight J.D., E. Hennemeyer D. of C., J. J. C. Turner Organist, F. Horsman I.G., R. O. Coombs and F. Reichter Stewards, S. Munson Tyler. On the motion of Bro. W. Sowman P.M., seconded by Bro. Alfred Welch P.M., Bro. Charles Cobb P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works, was re-elected representative of the Lodge upon the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. Hearty votes of thanks were passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, to Bro. Ives for so kindly and ably performing the ceremony of the day, and to the Mayor for allowing the use of the Town Hall. In the evening sixty-one brethren dined together, under the presidency of the W.M., a capital repast being well served by Bro. Besford, the host. After dinner the toast of the Queen and the Craft having been duly honoured, the W.M. gave the M.W. the G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, remarking that the interest H.R.H. showed in Freemasonry was clearly evinced by the fact that he had recently initiated his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, into the Craft. The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the Grand Officers Present and Past was the next toast; and the W.M., in proposing it, reminded the brethren that Lord Carnarvon was not unknown in Colchester, and that Lord Lathom had on three occasions visited the Province—to consecrate the Arnold Lodge at Walton, launch the lifeboat at Clacton, and lastly, to instal Brother Philbrick as Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons of Essex. The W. Master then gave the Provincial Grand Master, recalling the fact of the installation of Lord Brooke having taken place, by the late lamented Duke of Albany, at Colchester. His Lordship then won golden opinions, and had maintained his popularity ever since. In proposing the D.P.G.M. and the Provincial Grand Officers, the W.M. said he very much regretted the absence of Bro. Philbrick, who had written him a most kind letter, stating that nothing but an official engagement with the Grand Secretary would have kept him away. They were all proud of Bro. Philbrick as a Colchester man and member of the Angel Lodge. Bro. the Rev. W. Morgan Jones, Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. John Mann, an old P.M. of 51 and P.P.G. Sec. Essex, and Bro. E. Hennemeyer P.M. P.P.G.S.W., responded. Bro. John Mann said he had been particularly gratified at having an opportunity of once more visiting the Angel Lodge, it having been his mother Lodge. He was admitted into Masonry at the Angel, where the Lodge then met, in 1835, and he cherished many loving memories of the happy evenings he had spent in the Lodge. His only regret was that he saw so very few present who were members then, in fact he might say he was almost the only living representative of those who were then on the roll. Bro. Ives proposed the health of the W.M.; this he said was essentially the toast of the evening. They were all pleased to see Bro. Grimes in the chair of the Lodge, and, with the assistance of the Officers, they felt confident that the Worshipful Master would ably carry out the duties of his post. The W.M., who received a most hearty reception, said he felt deeply the responsibility he had undertaken, and also the high honour they had conferred upon him in electing him W.M. of the Lodge. He looked upon Freemasonry as essentially a religious institution; and if they carried out its principles in their daily walk and conversation, they could not but influence for good those with whom they were brought into contact. Masonry was calculated to make a good man a better one. It was entirely consistent with the Word of God, and he repeated, that if they as a body adhered to the principles laid down for their guidance, they could not but do all that lay in their power for the good of their fellow men. He felt his own shortcomings, but all the time and talents he had at his command, he would gladly give for the welfare of the Angel Lodge. The W.M. then, amid much applause, proposed the Installing Master. All who had witnessed the way in which Bro. Ives had performed the ceremony of the day must have been more than gratified, and personally he felt under a deep obligation to Bro. Ives. Bro. Ives had felt it a great honour to be permitted to instal his successor, and if what he had done had given satisfaction he was more than repaid for any trouble he had taken to perfect himself in his work. The W.M. proposed the Visitors, giving them a hearty welcome to the Angel Lodge, and coupling with the toast Bros. Suthery, Thomson, Nunu, Bowles, and Dankwertz, who expressed their great gratification at the working of the Lodge, and the hospitality they had experienced. The Masonic Charities was the next toast proposed from the chair. The W.M. remarked that it was a most gratifying fact, and showed the vitality of Freemasonry, that in these depressed times no less a sum than £15,000 had been the result of this year's Festivals of the three great Masonic Institutions; towards this Essex had contributed the liberal sum of no less than £700. The Lodge had been nobly represented on various occasions, by Bros. Clowes, Sowman, and Harrison, the former having, for the last three years, acted as a Steward for all three Institutions. Bro. Chas. Cobb P.M., representative of Lodge 51, on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, whose name was coupled with the toast, said they were proud of the position the Angel Lodge held with regard to the Charities; he

hoped that during the coming year either the W.M. would go himself or send a Steward from No. 51 to give further aid to their Institutions. The other toasts were the P.M.'s for whom Bro. Welch responded; the Officers, for whom Bros. Ralling, Sparling, and Harrison returned thanks; and the Musical Brethren, which Bro. Osmond acknowledged. The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by some excellent vocal music, by Bros. Osmond, Turner, Clowes, Sparling, Lewin, Gowers, Coombs, and some boy members of the St. Mary's Church Choir. Among those present were Bros. W. J. Thomson P.P.G.D. West Leicestershire, W. J. Nunn P.P.G.S.D. Suffolk, John Mann P.P.G. Sec. Essex, Richard Clowes P.M. and Sec. 650, P.P.G.S.W., Arthur H. Bowles P.M. 1395, Frank Suthery W.M. 276, John South P.M. 114, J. T. Bailey W.M. 697, Thomas Rix P.M. and Secretary 697 P.P.G.S.B., T. Eastace P.M. 697 P.P.G. Std. B., T. C. Mills P.M. 697 P.P.G.P., Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. 697 P.P.G.C., S. Lord I.P.M. 433, J. E. Wiseman P.M. 433 P.P.G.A.D.C., George A. Eastace P.M. 697 P.G. Std. B., John Dean P.M. 433 P.G. Std. B., F. J. Nunn Sec. 2063, F. Wallis 2063, A. Gosling P.M. 697, H. J. Skingley Org. 697, James Rowe 1559, W. W. Morgan jun., J. Hutley W.M. 1024 P.G. Stwd., Edmund Gowers W.M. elect 1024, F. Bird P.M. 1024 P.P.G.P., E. H. Williams, W. G. Coombs, and W. O. Dankwertz, &c., &c.

#### GROVE LODGE, No. 410.

THIS old and prosperous Lodge held its monthly meeting on Saturday, 27th ult., at Kingston. It unfortunately was not so fully attended as usual, owing to the counter attraction of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, which met at Surbiton the same afternoon, and at which of course many members of the Grove Lodge had to be present. Those who left Surbiton before Divine Service at St. Mark's Church, went on to Kingston, where the chair was occupied by Bro. H. J. P. Dumas P.M. P.G.D. P.G.W. of Surrey, who was most ably seconded by Bro. H. C. Jepps I.P.M. Grand Steward Surrey. The passing of Bro. H. F. Dumas was impressively performed. Bro. Porter, candidate for the sublime degree of Master Mason, was unfortunately unable to attend, and the ceremony of raising had therefore to be postponed till the July meeting, when it is intended the W.M. shall deal with the two. The business of the Lodge being satisfactorily brought to a close, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

#### VILLIERS LODGE, No. 1194.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge, which is celebrated for its perfect working, was held on the 20th ult., at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. In the absence of the W.M., who is seriously indisposed, the chair was occupied by Bro. Gambrell I.P.M. Bros. W. Vincent P.M. S.W., E. Monson J.W., Steel P.M. Treasurer, J. Adams J.D., Monson I.G.; P.M.'s Cross, Dodd, Green and Steel. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. W. Vincent P.M. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Steel P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Gilbert P.G. Tyler Middlesex Tyler. Lodge was then closed until October.

#### DACRE LODGE, No. 2086.

THE consecration of this Lodge took place on Saturday, 27th June, at the Assembly Rooms, Stevenage, Herts. The Provincial Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., was the Consecrating Officer, and was assisted by Bros. J. E. Dawson D.P.G.M., R. B. Craft P.G.S.W. as S.W., J. Robinson P.G.J.W. as J.W., Rev. W. D'A. Crofton P.G. Chap. as Chaplain, G. E. Lake P.G. Secretary as Secretary, T. S. Carrer P.G. Warden as D.C., and R. Shillitoe P.G.W. as I.G. The following brethren were also present:—Founders—Bros. G. Hill Smith P.M. 449, Rev. G. Litting, W. Warr, Rev. H. F. Oliver, H. Campkin P.M. 403, Captain Fellowes, R.N., W. Kirk, J. Shilcock P.M. 449, W. Smorder P.M. 449, and R. Pigg S.W. 449. Visitors—Bros. R. Shillitoe P.M. 449, F. Shillitoe P.M. 449, Rev. C. E. Mays P.G. Chaplain, F. Samner-Knyvett P.G. Treasurer, W. Slaughter P.G. Organist, H. Hughes and W. K. Hopkin P.G. Stewards, W. J. Thody W.M. 1580, and W. J. Crutch S.W. 1850. The ceremony of consecration was performed in a very impressive manner. After the consecration the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, assisted by the Prov. Grand Treasurer and Prov. Grand Secretary, installed as the first Worshipful Master Bro. G. Hill Smith, who appointed and invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. Rev. G. Litting S.W., W. Warr J.W., Rev. H. F. Oliver Chaplain and Treasurer, H. Campkin P.M. Secretary, Captain Fellowes, R.N., S.D., W. Kirk J.D., J. Shilcock P.M. I.G., and J. Slater Tyler. The Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Secretary, Provincial Grand Treasurer, Provincial Grand Chaplain, Provincial D.C. (Bro. J. Terry, who we are sorry to say was absent through illness), the Acting D.C., and the Provincial Grand Organist were elected hon. members. Three candidates were proposed for initiation; the Lodge closed, and the brethren with their guests adjourned for refreshment.

#### THE GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

THE first regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Wednesday, 24th ultimo. There were present Bros. J. D. Langton W.M., H. M. Hobbs S.W., F. T. Ridpath J.W., J. Langton Treasurer, J. S. Fraser Secretary, E. Samuel S.D., M. L. Levéy J.D., W. G. Goode I.G., John G. Horsey P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, J. Klein, and W. Lane Tyler. Lodge was opened in the first degree and the minutes of the consecration meeting were

read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the following gentlemen for initiation, viz.:—Messrs. W. G. Oates, S. Oxenham, J. C. Leaver, F. W. Leaver, E. C. Holdsworth, C. Holden, A. B. Crundall, and J. Rosenberg, and as joining members Bros. F. Cambridge and W. Fraser; all proved unanimous. The W.M. then appointed and invested Bro. F. Cambridge P.G.O. as D.C. Messrs. W. G. Oates, S. Oxenham, F. W. Leaver, J. C. Leaver, and E. C. Holdsworth being present, were initiated into Freemasonry according to ancient rite, the ceremony in each case being performed separately and in a most impressive manner, the charge being afterwards given. It was proposed by the W.M., seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously, that Bros. General Studholme Browning Prov. G. Master of Surrey and H. Saxelby P.P.G.S. Surrey be elected honorary members. It was proposed by the W.M., seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, and the Parthouon Lodge, for the very valuable assistance rendered to the George Price Lodge. Among the Visitors present were Bros. F. Cambridge P.G.O. Surrey, H. Saxelby P.P.G.S. Surrey, Maitland H. Dicker S.W. 1470, G. H. Townsend-Green J.D. 1974, W. Fraser 174. Hearty good wishes having been offered by the Visitors, the Lodge was closed and the Brethren adjourned to banquet, served in excellent style under the personal supervision of Bro. T. H. Bentley, the courteous manager of the Hotel. After the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and some capital songs were ably rendered by Bros. Maitland H. Dicker, F. W. Leaver, J. C. Leaver, and J. S. Fraser. In replying to the toast of the Grand Officers of the Province, Bro. Horsey paid a very high compliment to the W.M. for the most perfect way in which he had gone through the work of initiating separately the five candidates, and the pleasure it would give Bro. George Price to hear of the way in which the Lodge was being worked. Bro. Saxelby spoke of the pleasure it had been to the recommending Lodge (the East Surrey Lodge of Concord) to be of service to a Lodge bearing the honoured name of George Price. Bro. W. G. Oates, in replying to the toast of the Initiates, thanked the brethren for the honour done him in admitting him into the Craft, and also for the great compliment paid to him by making him the first initiate of their Lodge. He was much interested and impressed by all he had seen, and felt sure he would take a very great interest in the Craft in general and in his Mother Lodge in particular, so that he might one day fill—though he could not hope so ably—the proud position occupied by the W.M. The other initiates also replied. Bros. Dicker and Townsend-Green returned thanks for the Visitors. The Officers' toast having been responded to by Bros. H. M. Hobbs S.W. and F. T. Ridpath J.W., the proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast.

An emergency meeting was held on the following day. There were present Bros. J. D. Langton W.M., Hobbs S.W., Ridpath J.W., J. Langton Treasurer, J. S. Fraser Secretary, Samuel S.D., Goodge I.G., Cambridge D.C., Oates, Oxenham, Klein, J. C. Leaver, F. W. Leaver, Holdsworth, W. Fraser, and Rawles acting Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Natusch P.G.S., Foulsham P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland, Woodward P.P.G.W. Surrey, Browning 1323, Ransom S.W. 1790, Webb P.M. 174, Bishop J.D. 1965, Dicker S.W. 1470, and Baber W.M. 1790. Lodge was opened in the first degree. Messrs. C. Holden and J. Rosenberg having been approved of at the previous meeting, and being present, were initiated into Freemasonry. The Brethren then adjourned to the banquet table and passed a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

#### Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—

A meeting was held on Friday, 26th June, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. F. Botley W.M., R. Norton S.W., A. Turner J.W., Andrews Preceptor and Treasurer, C. E. Botley Secretary, Sperring S.D., G. Thomas J.D., Wuest I.G., H. Hughes. Visitors—Bro. J. H. Hughes, 401, Watford. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hughes candidate. Lodge was closed to first degree, and Bro. Hughes was elected a member. Bro. C. E. Botley was appointed W.M. for 3rd July, Lodge was then closed and adjourned until that date. Previous to the meeting the Audit Committee assembled and passed the accounts.

#### Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—

A meeting was held on Monday evening, at the Queen's Hotel, Victoria-park, E., under the presidency of Bro. W. Gray W.M. of the mother Lodge, who was supported by Bros. J. J. Marsh S.W., J. W. Job J.W., A. G. Watkins S.D., H. Lowe J.D., T. Draper I.G., H. T. Lowe Director of Ceremonies, H. Fors Preceptor, Bro. Dr. Haskins Organist. Amongst others present we may mention Bros. Webb, Larter, Walker, Garrod, Outred, Dunn, Threshie, Sims, Culling, Green, Dutton, George, Hart, Lellou, Kirk, Beaton, Brett, Harris, Packman, Clady, Harfield, Abrahams, Fisk, Lee, King, Dunston, Snow, Roach, King, Sadd, De Costa, Fox, Jacobs, Lovejoy, Arston, Williams, Jacobs, Leo jun., Oxley, Dignam, &c., &c. The Lodge of Instruction was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. It was then formally announced that in consequence of the indisposition of Bro. James Terry, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who had promised to attend on this occasion and rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation, other arrangements had had to be made. The W.M. stated that all present must regret the cause that led to the absence of Bro. Terry; he sincerely hoped that a few days rest would restore him to his normal vigour, and that he would then find an early opportunity of fulfilling his engagement, which all would be gratified to know was only to be considered as postponed. Bro. Gray then introduced Bro. W. H. Lee P.M., Prov. G. Assist. Sec. Middx., who, he stated, would rehearse the ceremony of installation. He also intimated that Bro. W. W. Morgau I.P.M. 211 would

deliver one of his lectures, but in consequence of Bro. Morgan, having to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting of Berks and Bucks, at Reading, he would not be able to join them till a little later in the evening. The ceremony was then proceeded with, Bro. Lee fulfilling his duties in an eminently satisfactory manner, and completing his work by an eloquent delivery of the customary addresses. Lodge was then called off, and on resuming duty Bro. Morgan was introduced, and for about five and thirty minutes secured the attention of the brethren. The several points in Prother Morgan's interesting lecture were listened to with the most profound attention by all assembled. The customary vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bros. Lee and Morgan, and the compliment of honorary membership was conferred on the latter. Bro. Lee is one of the promoters of this Lodge of Instruction, and his services have been recognised on previous occasions. After suitable acknowledgments had been made, Bros. Dr. Haskins, H. T. Lowe and others were thanked for the assistance they had rendered; several new members were enrolled, and Lodge was closed, all agreeing that an entertaining and instructive evening had been spent.

**Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.**—At a meeting held on Thursday, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. Hunt W.M., Fisher S.W., Thomas J.W., Stringer S.D., Prior J.D., Penrose I.G.; P.M.'s Vohmann, Hatchings (Preceptor) and S. R. Speight (Secretary); also Bros. O'Donnell, Dandridge, Emblin, Millington, J. B. Williams, E. J. Williams, Entecott, J. J. Pitt and Mott. Lodge was opened, and after the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Millington candidate. The Lodge was then called off and on; and was opened in the second degree; the usual questions having been first answered by Bro. O'Donnell in a very satisfactory manner, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, and the Lodge closed to the first degree. Bro. J. J. Mott, of the Lodge of Justice, was then unanimously elected a member, and Bro. Fisher as W.M. for the ensuing Thursday.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday, 30th June, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, when there were present—Bros. Carr W.M., Clark S.W., Kirk J.W., Cushing S.D., Robinson J.D., Smyth I.G., Brasted P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Christian, Brett, Marsh, Forss, Rose, Darnell, Catling, Gaineaolt, and Watkinson. This being the fifth Tuesday, the Secretary, Bro. F. Carr, claimed the privilege of the chair. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Watkinson offered himself as candidate for raising; he was interrogated and entrusted, and Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the ceremony was rehearsed, the traditional history being given, and the third section of the lecture worked. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree, when Bro. Forss worked the fourth section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. T. Clark will preside at the meeting on the 7th inst.

#### ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE WOLSELEY LODGE, No. 1993.

THIS event, which is regarded with especial favour by the brethren who associate temperance with the Craft, is fixed to take place on Wednesday, 15th inst., at Rudyard Lake, near Leek, Staffordshire. The train conveying the visitors will leave the London Road Station, Manchester, L. and N.W. platform, at 9.30 a.m., but it is desirable they should assemble at least a quarter of an hour before that time, so as to prevent confusion. The journey will take about an hour and a half; a walk to Horton Old Church will fill up to time fixed for dinner,—one o'clock. Afterwards the visitors will stroll along the lake to Cliffe Hall and Park, where refreshments will be provided. On their return they will take tea at the Hotel, and at 7.15 p.m. leave Rudyard for Manchester, where they are timed to arrive at 8.30. A brass band will play a selection of music during dinner and tea, and at intervals during the afternoon on the lake-side and in the Park, for dancing. Should the weather prove unfavourable, dancing and a miscellaneous musical programme will be gone through in the dining hall. The tickets are 10s 6d, and should be applied for not later than Thursday next, 9th July. They can be had of the W.M. Bro. Harris, 21 Cannon-street, City, or of Bro. J. Hatton P.M. Secretary, Gloucester-road, Urmston, and Granby-row, Manchester. Rudyard is a small township in the parish of Leek, and about half-a-mile from the railway station on the Churnet Valley Lane. The lake of the same name is an artificial reservoir, upwards of two miles in length, and one-eighth of a mile wide. On one side is a high steep embankment, well wooded and picturesque. The neighbourhood is full of interest, including Horton Old Church and the pleasant Cliffe Hall and Park. Leek is a quaint old market town, devoted to the silk industry. The Parish Church is an ancient structure, restored in 1862, and from the churchyard some pretty views of the surrounding country can be obtained. Altogether the selection of Rudyard Lake for the picnic appears a happy one, and we sincerely trust that the brethren will have fine weather in which to enjoy the beauties of nature and the pleasures of social communion.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Old Sores, Wounds, and Ulcers.—The readiness with which Holloway's Ointment removes all obstructions in the circulation of the vessels and lymphatics explains their irresistible influence in healing old sores, bad wounds, and indolent ulcers. To insure the desired effect the skin surrounding the diseased part should be fomented, dried, and immediately well rubbed with the Ointment. This will give purity to the blood, and strength to the weakened nerves, the only conditions necessary for the cure of all those ulcerations which render life almost intolerable. No sooner is this Ointment's protective power exerted than the destructive process ceases, and the constructive business begins—new, healthy growth appears to fill up the lately painful excavated pit.

#### REVIEWS.

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"Proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, &c. Annual Communication, December 10, 1884. Stated Communication, December 10, 1884. Special Communication, February 16, 1885. Quarterly Communication, March 11, 1885." Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, 39 Arch-street. 1885.

In reading American Masonic records we are often reminded of the difference that exists between many of their customs and our own, but however wide may be their divergence in this respect, there is a wonderful unity of motive and object in both. And what adds to the pleasure of unity is the fact that our American brethren, in Massachusetts at least, are striving earnestly to emulate our example in the cause of charity. They have begun the good work in a good spirit. Many years ago they appropriated money left for charity for Temple purposes; now that they have cleared off their debts they are going to restore the charity money, together with compound interest, to the purpose for which it was left, and if we are not deceived, the one blot on American Freemasonry will in one jurisdiction, and that an important one, be removed. It is worthy of notice, and it may afford pleasure to some of the subscribers to our *Charities* to learn, that the example of England was pointed at with admiration, and was the means of stirring up a true spirit of rivalry among the assembled brethren of Massachusetts. The tone of the speeches, too, on the several occasions, and the action of the Grand body were marked with judicial moderation, and one act especially evinced a rare spirit of respect and chivalry. The Grand Lodge of South Australia made a formal request to be recognised by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The matter was referred to a Committee, who examined it fairly and reported upon it somewhat exhaustively. The case is admirably stated, and it is set forth that the Australian Lodges presented "to the world the elements of harmony, unity, and self-government, and are in a condition to receive of the Masonic world recognition as the just and legal sovereign authority of the Colony." But, they urged, our fraternal relations with the three Grand Lodges of Great Britain seem to require that they should first have the opportunity of extending their co-operation to the Grand Lodge of South Australia before final action is taken by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts." Fully satisfied of the justice of the demand, they were not unmindful of the respect and courtesy due to the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland from which the Lodges of South Australia obtained their warrants. With delicacy and a chivalry worthy of the knights of old, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts suspended action, that those most interested should first decide what course they should take. Their confidence was equal to their courtesy. England has done what seemed to her right, and what once threatened to be a serious quarrel has ended in a happy, and we trust, secure independence. There is much in these Proceedings we should like to dwell upon, much that would be interesting to the brethren generally. We shall advert to one or two matters, and those who want to learn more must consult the reports themselves. If they cannot get them they may perhaps assist in hastening the day when we shall have a Reading Room and Library worthy of the Craft wherein shall be found the literature of the whole Masonic world. We are glad to observe that Freemasonry is spreading in Massachusetts and the Order generally is being strengthened. There is a growing opposition against what are considered spurious offshoots, one of which is said to be the Rite of Memphis. The brethren are cautioned against this and other bodies, and those who join them, or assist them in conferring degrees are threatened with expulsion. In the report of the Commissioners of Trials we find that Lemau Pultz was expelled the Evening Star Lodge for larceny. In another case, where a brother is accused of "conduct unbecoming a Master Mason," the name of the offender is not given. It appears he "cast a black cube on a ballot for a candidate" for no other reason than as a return for "certain favours rendered to him by other parties in the past," who could not attend. The charge was dismissed for reasons which are given. We mention the two cases as showing that where guilt or misconduct was clearly proven the name of the offender is published, in the other case it is withheld, on the principle, we suppose, that it is not just to cast a stigma upon a man until he is proved to have offended. What is termed "The Grand Feast" took place after the business had been despatched on 30th December, at which some very able speeches were made. One peculiarity about the toasts is worthy of notice. It consisted of paying respect to the departed before dealing with the living, and the following sentiments were proposed, and three of them drunk in silence: "To the memory of the Holy Saints John! Let us follow their precepts and imitate their examples;" "To the memory of our illustrious brother George Washington;" "To the memory of our beloved brethren who have gone from us;" "To the Craft, wheresoever dispersed over the face of the Globe! May health, prosperity, and happiness attend them." If reasons were wanted for the faith that is in Freemasons, they could be found in the speeches referred to. They are excellent, and many of them are original, striking, and profound. In reading the reports we were as surprised as we were gratified at their contents, and we feel assured that those who read them will hope that the Freemasons of Massachusetts are a type of the brethren throughout the whole of America.

The Tailors' Benevolent Institution celebrated their annual festival, with a dinner, at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday last.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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## SATURDAY, 4th JULY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
108—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
162—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruction)  
Societ Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W. at 8  
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
1233—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent  
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham  
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

## MONDAY, 6th JULY.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)  
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1475—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In.)  
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
1480—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park at 7.30 (In)  
1507—Metropolitan, The Moor-gate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)  
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)  
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)  
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley  
1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton  
R.A. 23—Old King's Arms, Freemasons Tavern, W.C.  
R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.  
K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors  
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.  
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven  
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Paversham  
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple  
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen  
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields  
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead  
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke  
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield  
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire  
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester  
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire  
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks  
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham  
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds  
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax  
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington  
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea  
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales  
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley  
R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford  
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

## TUESDAY, 7th JULY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)  
171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
830—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)  
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
1418—Mount Edgemont, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)  
1474—Islington, Chamoion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)  
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)  
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.  
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moor-gate, Moor-gate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Gildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham  
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.  
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.  
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick  
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.  
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.  
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.  
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard  
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Carliff.  
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.  
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cocker-mouth.  
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.  
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.  
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.  
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1473—Bootle, 116 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)  
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead  
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.  
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields  
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester  
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard  
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

## WEDNESDAY, 8th JULY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 8  
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich  
30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)  
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
224—United Strength, The Hope, St. John's Street, Regents Park, 3 (Inst.)  
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)  
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond  
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poplar-square, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)  
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent-road, at 9. (Instruction)  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mark-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)  
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)  
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1662—Beaconsfield, Chemists, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1681—Londesborough, Borkley Arms, John Street, My Fair, at 8. (Instruct)  
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)  
1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station  
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 9 (Instruction)  
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
M.M. (T.L.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham  
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale  
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich  
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster  
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor  
708—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire  
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford  
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth  
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate  
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough  
1264—Nertune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle  
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool  
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness  
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham  
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham  
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.  
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Harcreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington  
R.A. 809—Etheldreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech  
R.A. 946—Strawberry Hill, Grotto Hotel, Twickenham  
R.A. 1177—Dinlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby  
R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles  
R.A. 1519—Stanmore, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

## THURSDAY, 9th JULY.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
335—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
719—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)  
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
1158—Southern Star, Phoenix, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bedford Green Road, E., 8 (Instruction)  
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
1343—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)  
1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
1714—Royal Savor, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
1791—Croydon, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)  
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
R.A. 551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney  
R.A. 619—Beacon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street  
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)  
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes  
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.  
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield

- 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
 219—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston  
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.  
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Loughton, Stafford.  
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland  
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire  
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.  
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.  
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne  
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala  
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk  
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn  
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester  
 1792—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colleshill  
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)  
 1911—De La Pié, Masonic Hall, Northampton  
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable  
 R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire  
 R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport  
 R.A. 807—Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
 R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny  
 M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devouport  
 M.M. 145—Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

## FRIDAY, 10th JULY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)  
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 730—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Cannonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1315—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1812—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Pav., Leavelhall St.  
 R.A. 569—Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City Road, E.C.  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 198—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon  
 R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.  
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 458—Ave and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goolo.  
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton  
 682—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich  
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street Harriogate  
 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard  
 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax  
 R.A. 119—Sun, Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven  
 R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole  
 R.A. 601—Fyton St. John, Wreken Hotel, Wellington, Salop  
 R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme  
 K.T. 126—De Warrene, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

## SATURDAY, 11th JULY.

- Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12  
 195—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1864—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1624—Keeleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)  
 Star Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greghound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street E.C.  
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon  
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
 R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham

## THE THEATRES.

**St. James's.**—Mr. and Mrs. Kendal may be congratulated on having secured Mr. Theyre Smith's dramatic consecration, "Castaways," and the author is equally fortunate in having secured for his dialogue the fittest interpreters the London stage could offer. Some of our dramatic critics, perhaps of Scottish extraction, not having had the necessary trephene operation for the assimilation of a joke, have remonstrated with Mr. Smith for making his lovely shipwrecked widow appear in the Pacific isle in a toilette worthy of Elise. But have not these prophets of pure Reason suffered enough from Mr. G. S. Gilbert's defiance of the laws of Nature that another profane person should thus outrage probability? Mr. Smith's island is a land of delight, for whose loves the laughter and the fun of honest comedy, laughter that is due to the wit of the author and its brilliant reflex from those who represent his work; not the poor humour of Mr. Merriman on his head in the ring. Mrs. Kendal as the relict of the late lamented Timothy, at 70, is at her own delightful best. Her disgust at prickly palm leaves, tedious blue skies, and the boredom of life away from London was in the finest comedy vein. Then her satisfaction at finding she is not alone, though a "horrid pipe" disclosing the fact at first gives her a sharp shock. Mr. Kendal, as the other shipwrecked forlorn one, finds excellent opportunity for his good-humoured, half cynical, but wholly pleasant and wholesome man of the world. He is a widower, but like many of the species is

ready to accept consolation from bright eyes. How the two castaways swear friendship, then retreat into neutrality, then into armed peace, and finally how the curtain descends on their rescue and prospect of a wedding at the first appearance of a chaplain,—we say go and see these things, and enjoy one of the pleasantest hours to be spent inside a theatre. The "Money Spinner," that clever perversion of interest, forms the chief item in the bill, and those who saw it on its first appearance will once more acknowledge Mrs. Kendal supreme. Mr. Kendal is again excellent as Kingassi, while Mr. Macintosh plays with wonderful individuality as Faubert. Mr. Hare somewhat injures his portrait of Baron Croddle by over-colouring.

**The Princess's.**—This theatre is closed for a brief period. Meantime preparations go on apace for the new drama by the lossée and Mr. Jones, and curiosity is at summer heat as to Mr. Wilson Barrett's debut as a dramatic author. The last nights of the "Lights of London" were marked by the appearance of Mr. Leonard Boyne as the hero; the reckless dash and devilry of the scapegrace young squire were capitally rendered by him. Claudian and Junius never seemed quite at home as the gentleman vagabond, notwithstanding the sincerity which always characterises Mr. Barrett's impersonations. London playgoers were well pleased to see Mr. Boyne again among them, and to find proof of the greater excellence and ease he has attained by thoroughness of study.

**The Comedy.**—We heartily felicitate the new management of the Comedy on the change of front just inaugurated. The title of the theatre has been for the first time justified by the work placed upon its stage. Mr. Grandy's comedy, "The Silver Shield," has its weak points, but they are mere oversights in the detail of construction. The story is a thoroughly wholesome and pleasant one, the interest rises with each scene till the climax. The dialogue is bright and sparkles with pleasant wit, not with those feeble squib and cracker effects which certain modern playwrights distribute so freely among all their characters. We gave a notice of "The Silver Shield" when it was first produced at a matinée, and on our second visit we noticed some crudities had been toned down, and these make the merits of the work the more evident. Miss Roselle, as the heroine, plays magnificently; probably no London actress in the part, except Mrs. Kendal, could do so well. She is the dashing ambitious lady, the sparkling coquette, the loving wife, the tender friend; each aspect of womanhood harmoniously blends into a fascinating woman. It seems, as we gaze and listen, that Miss Roselle is not acting, but makes the author tell the story of her actual life. No art that conceals art could be more perfect. Miss Kate Burke is very charming as the loving, doubting wife, Lucy Preston. We congratulate this lady on the fine opportunity afforded by the part. Mr. John Beauchamp brings his refined and excellent method to the trying part of Sir Humphrey Chetwynd, and despite the old man's silver hair we sympathize with his misplaced love. Mr. Arthur Dacre plays with earnestness and sincerity; we could wish he were a little brisker. His wife's earlier exasperation is made too probable, perhaps. Mr. Percy Compton, as the high-dried old parson, shows pleasantly the hereditary gifts of his family, while our dear old favourite Henry Compton will live again in his son. Mr. P. Lyndal makes a manly and unaffected Ned Chetwynd, so well-bred and well-mannered that the awkward scene in Act II.—where, at a dinner party at his own house, he forgets to take his guest, Alma Blake, to dinner, leaving her alone in the drawing-room—makes the author's oversight the more emphasized. If it was necessary for Alma to remain behind, so that the great scene with the unhappy Lucy might be introduced, why did not Mr. Grandy content himself with an afternoon tea, or an "at home"? Then he might let his guests wander about without outraging the laws of society. It remains for us to speak of the principal new members in the cast. Mr. Arthur Roberts, as the irrepressible Manager Mr. Dodson Dick, is simply superb; his unconscious impertinence, self-satisfaction and business pre-occupation, make up one of the finest comedy sketches offered by the modern stage. If a thoroughly interesting play, thoroughly well acted, can ensure success for a summer season in Panton-street, then assuredly the management may be content with their present venture.

**Steinway Hall.**—Something actually new is offered us by our fair American visitor, Miss Jenny Young. She asks us to afternoon tea, sings us some pretty ballads, and gossips æsthetically from the American point of view. Last Saturday's ceramics offered endless anecdote and interest, whilst the living (Doulton) potter turned off his vases and beakers in obligato accompaniment by the fair lecturer's side. Her future symposia will be given to poetry and social economy.

**Steinway Hall.**—A very pleasant afternoon's entertainment was provided at Steinway Hall, last Tuesday, by the clever Misses Webling. The eldest is perhaps eighteen, the youngest seven years of age. Wee Lucy is a charming little child, and recited the difficult scene between Prince Arthur and Hubert with much intelligence and child-like simplicity. Miss Ruth has a sweet voice, and shows careful study in vocalisation. Miss Josephine gave the "White Ship" with fine dramatic fervour, while the elder sister, Rosalind, showed much dramatic power in the pretty lyric of the "Briar Rose."

The Alhambra Company having specially engaged Signor Saracco, Primo Ballerino of La Scala, Milan, who performed with such great success in the ballet of "Excelsior," at the Eden Theatre, Paris, he will make his first appearance in England in a new arrangement of the ballets of "Melusine" and "The Swans," along with Signorina Bassone (who will at the same time make her debut at the Alhambra), and Middle Palladino, on Monday next, the 6th inst. The ballet of "Melusine" has now been performed 168 times, and that of "The Swans," 187 times.

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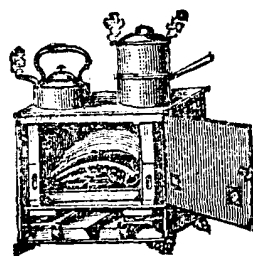
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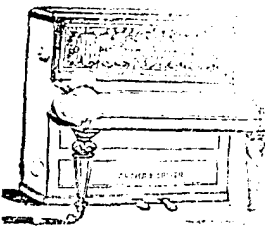
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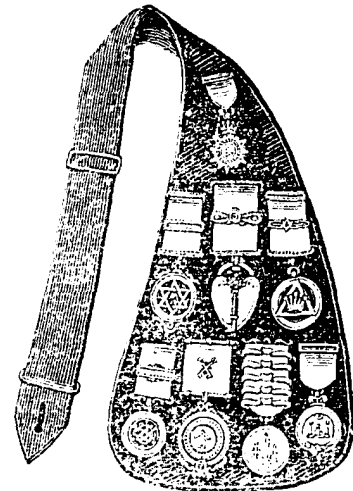
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